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Manchester United's Lou Macari (red strip) hustles Len Cantello of West Brom for possession of the ball. It was a great day for The Throsties who came out 4-0 winners at The Hawthorns.

CAN THE BLUES TAKE OVER FROM THE REDS?

We probe Everton's challenge to the dominance of Liverpool.

F.A. Cup Third Round Preview

CHRISTMAS has gone and so has the New Year, so now we're all set for the first important stage of the annual knock-out marathon dash to Wembley as Cup Finalists.

The 64 hopeful clubs will line up for the kick-off in the Third Round games on Saturday (Jan 7th) roared on by their fans, all of them determined to earn a place in the next round.

Half of them will have their hopes dashed — but then that's the luck of the Cup! Even the big clubs have no "free pass" to Wembley!

Last year, for instance, Third Round losers included West Bromwich, Spurs, Chelsea, Fulham, Sunderland, Stoke, Norwich, Sheffield United, Bolton, Blackpool, Leicester and the two Bristol clubs. But that was last year, so let's sum up the chances of some of the contestants in this season's Third Round ties.

The most outstanding contests are those between Everton and Aston Villa and Leeds United v. Manchester City. The clash at Goodison brings back unforgettable memories of last season's tremendous battle between Everton and Villa in the League Cup Final. What a titanic struggle.

Villa finally won the marathon in a second replay at Old Trafford.

This season's F.A. Cup clash between the two old rivals will not

BELOW ... Leeds' Trevor Cherry (far left) scores against Manchester City during their recent League tussle at Elland Road, which United won 2-0.

RIGHT ... Liverpool have a good record v. Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Here's action (Ron Harris, light socks, tackles Ray Kennedy), from their 1974-75 League clash. The Reds won 3-0.

READY, STEADY, GO...

be their first meeting in Round Three. In January, 1973, Everton entered the Fourth Round with a 3-2 victory, but two years later, in the Second Round of the League Cup, Villa won 3-0 after a 1-1 draw at Goodison.

So the result of next Saturday's eagerly awaited battle between the two giants is anybody's guess. Villa's manager Ron Saunders, who played for Everton some years ago, won't hear of defeat, but nor will Gordon Lee, Everton's manager, who spent all his playing career as a Villa defender and must have played several times against his present club.

Leeds United and Manchester City at Elland Road should also produce a tremendous struggle. They're old rivals. If it is anything like last season's battle royal when they met in the Fifth Round of the Cup when Leeds beat City by a solitary goal, scored by Trevor Cherry, it could produce the match of the round.

Incidentally, Elland Road has not proved a very happy hunting ground for the Manchester men.

Their last First Division victory on United's ground was in 1973-74.

Since then City have drawn once and lost three times, including a recent 0-2 defeat, when Trevor Cherry was again a scorer. Could history be repeated?

Chelsea are also privileged to stage another of the most intriguing ties of the round when they entertain last season's League Champions and European Cup heroes from Anfield.

There is no previous Cup record between the two clubs, at least not in recent times, but Liverpool usually do well at Stamford Bridge in their League visits. They have

not lost a First Division game there since 1970-71 season.

Spurs are another London club who will hope for a game that will hit the headlines when Bolton Wanderers visit White Hart Lane.

Since the start of the season the two old First Division rivals have been contesting the leadership of the Second Division.

In November they clashed at Burnden Park in a game that vibrated with end-to-end thrills. Roy Greaves whacked in the only goal for a wonderful Bolton victory.

Now they're ready to renew their old rivalry at Tottenham but this time for a place in the Fourth Round of the Cup. Spurs will be out for revenge.

Incidentally, this will be Bolton's fourth visit to London in the Third Round during the last few seasons.

Last year they were knocked out at West Ham; in 1976 Wanderers

THIRD ROUND DRAW

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ROTHERHAM	v	MILLWALL
MIDDLESBRO'	v	COVENTRY
DERBY	v	SOUTHEND
SHEFFIELD U.	v	ARSENAL
BURNLEY	v	FULHAM
STOKE	v	YEWBURY
CHELSEA	v	LIVERPOOL
BLACKBURN	v	SHREWSBURY
EVERTON	v	ASTON VILLA
WEST HAM	v	WATFORD
WALSALL	v	SWANSEA
GRIMSBY	v	SOUTHTON
BIRMINGHAM	v	WIGAN
CARDIFF	v	IPSWICH
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CARLISLE	v	MAN. UNITED
BLYTH	v	ENFIELD



FOR THE RACE TO WEMBLEY

drew 0-0 at Brentford and won the replay 2-0; in 1973 they drew 1-1 at Charlton and followed it up with a 4-0 replay victory. But whatever happens on Saturday at White Hart Lane the fans can expect a tremendous game between two very good sides.

Derby County, now among the best teams in the League, are looking for victory over Fourth Division promotion chasers Southend United, but it's not likely to be easy.

They met in the Fifth Round of the Cup in 1976 and Derby only managed to scrape into the next round by scoring the only goal.

Nor can West Ham be assured of an easy game against Elton John's Watford.

Orient are also ready to make things difficult for their Norwich visitors. The Canaries, who have been knocked out in the Third Round three times in the last four years, won't forget their Third Round visit to Leeds last season when they suffered a 5-2 beating.

Millwall's visit to Rotherham is a repeat of last season's Second Round League Cup clash between the two sides. The Lions will hope the result will be the same as then — 2-1 in their favour.

Lawrie McMenemy, Southampton's ambitious manager, is looking forward to a return to Grimsby, where he was manager until 1973.

The two sides have not met, however, since 1963-64 season when both were in the Second Division. The result of that game at Grimsby was a 2-2 draw. But that was in the past.

Wolves will be breaking new ground when they meet Exeter City down in Devon, although they met in the Fourth Round of the League Cup in 1974 when Wolves won 5-1 at Molineux. By the way, this is Exeter's first appearance in

the Third Round of the F.A. Cup for eight years.

Crystal Palace will also need a "guide" when they travel to Hartlepool. The two clubs have not met since 1960-61 when both were in the Fourth Division.

Hartlepool's last appearance in the Third Round of the Cup was in 1976 when they travelled to Manchester City and were beaten 6-0!

Bristol Rovers, who visit Sunderland, will hope to do better than they fared in last season's Third Round. They travelled to Nottingham to meet Forest and drew 1-1, a good result for them. They shared two goals after extra-time in the replay but then suffered a crushing 6-0 defeat in the second

replay at Villa Park.

We mustn't forget the minnows of the Third Round — the non-Leaguers. At least one of them must reach the Fourth Round — either Blyth or Enfield.

The Isthmian Leaguers from North London have high hopes of continuing their run of success, with the help of their experienced all-rounder Ronnie Howell, formerly with Millwall; Swindon and Brighton and one of the giant-killers of the Tooting and Mitcham side who in 1976 reached the Fourth Round by beating Swindon.

Wealdstone could also cause a few shocks and surprises against Queens Park Rangers with young Keith Furphy, son of Ken Furphy,

former manager of Watford.

Keith, who was with the Rangers until the end of last season, scored one of the goals that beat Reading to put Wealdstone into the Third Round.

Expect a surprise, too, in the match between Stoke City and Tilbury, the little Essex club making their first appearance ever in the big time, and from Wigan at Birmingham.

The Lancashire lads last reached the Third Round in 1971 when they were knocked out by Manchester City at Maine Road, but only by a solitary goal.

Let's wish all the clubs the best of luck — especially the non-League potential giant-killers!



Bolton (above, white shirt) in action v. West Ham last season. The Lancashire club have made a habit of travelling to London for Third Round ties in recent years. They meet Spurs on Saturday. Everton's Andy King (below) stops Aston Villa's John Deehan during last season's League Cup Final. Villa won in a second replay and Everton will be out for revenge in the F.A. Cup at Goodison Park.



PROGRESS REPORT ON FORMER ENGLAND MANAGER DON REVIE, IN DUBAI

WHILE Ron Greenwood is settling down to the top job in his profession, as England's new, optimistic, international team-manager, his predecessor is sweating it out in the desert.

Don Revie wasn't exactly banished, of course, more lured by the material wealth now being showered on him by the ambitious Arabs.

But he feels he might as well have been banished, after the extent to which he has been painted a villain.

"Sometimes in life you get a chance to secure the future for your wife and children, and you have to consider it carefully.

"I was given the chance, and I have been criticised for deserting England, but I don't think many people would turn down the opportunity that was offered to me. Faced with the decision again, I would do exactly the same thing."

Revie has recently moved into a luxurious house near the beach in Dubai, and is settling in well with his wife Elsie.

"The weather is cooling down now, thank goodness, but it is still 75°-80° most of the time. There are a lot of English people here, and I think we've settled quicker than expected really.

"I train every day to keep fit, and Elsie and I have joined the Dubai Golf Club.

"It is only a 12-hole course, and we play off Astroturf tees, but the greens are true and there are some very good low-handicap players in Dubai," he says.

Going well

As for his job with the United Arab Emirates Football Association, Revie says that too is going well, and he is certainly working very hard.

His day starts as early as 7 a.m., and after an afternoon siesta he is back at his desk in the evening.

"We have had four or five trial matches, and recently one of our teams beat an All-Stars XI containing Bobby Moore, Gordon Banks and Bobby Charlton 2-1.

"Most of the players here have good balance and tremendous skill, their tackling, heading and shooting is good, but they have much to learn about the tactical side of the game."

Revie and his right-hand man Les Cocker both believe it will take 15-20 years to put the United Arab Emirates on the world football map.

"We are both going to do our best for them, but at the moment

PRIVATE LIFE: 'Settling in quickly'

JOB: 'Working hard'

ON ARAB PROSPECTS: 'They have much to learn'

ON ENGLAND'S FAILURE: 'Heart-broken'

ON HIS OLD CLUB, LEEDS: 'Don't rule them out of Championship'

and I'm sure Ron will be keeping his fingers crossed."

One day Don Revie may be back in British football.

"I hope people don't think as badly of me as the Press have made out.

"You expect to be criticised by the media, and you don't mind that, but the thing that upset me was the criticism from people who I had helped as a friend.

"For them to turn round and make money out of me, and people I had done a lot for in the game, hurt me very much."

Don Revie may not be everybody's idea of their favourite Englishman at the moment — but he should not, and will not, be forgotten.

Don Revie and his wife Elsie do a spot of sight-seeing in Dubai.

there is no football in the schools and no youth football. Everybody is very enthusiastic though and they have given us 100 per cent support so far."

Naturally after all his years with Leicester, Hull, Manchester City, Sunderland and Leeds, the former international manager misses England.

"You never lose touch with the British football scene, and we get the League results here at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

"I listen for the Leeds United result especially and they seem to be going well at the moment. I always thought Jimmy Armfield would do a good job at Elland Road, and you shouldn't rule them out of the Championship. They have too many good players to do that."

Of the international side Revie says: "I was delighted by the result against Italy, especially for Ron Greenwood, the players and the fans who always gave me terrific support.

"I always said the group would be decided on goal-difference, and it is sad sides of the quality of England and Italy should be separated by goals after gaining the same number of points.

"The games against Finland at home and Luxembourg away were the crucial ones, and to think we are not going to Argentina for the sake of three goals is heart-breaking."

Revie is pleased Ron Greenwood has succeeded him at Lancaster Gate.

"I felt sorry for him after two games because people were saying he was picking the wrong team, and then when he got a good result there was an about-turn and the complexion changed completely."

"Ron knows a lot about the game, and I wish him luck in the job."

"I hope he doesn't have the injuries, the upsets and the heartaches I had. I would have liked to have kept a settled side,"



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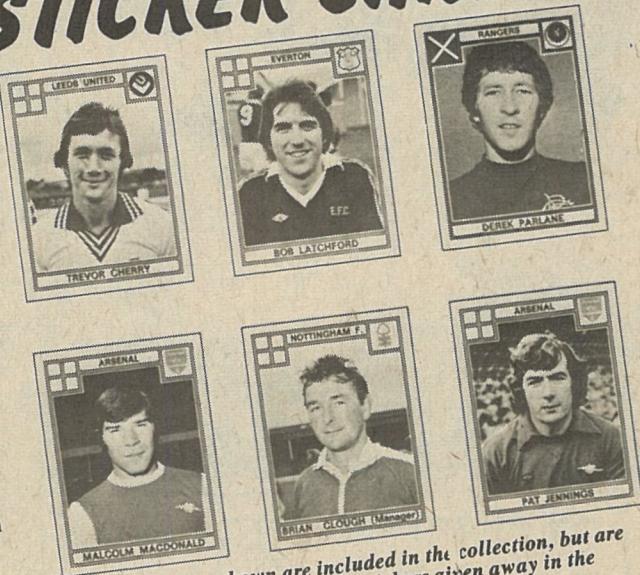
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KEITH Burkinshaw, boss of high-flying Tottenham, has a problem every other manager in the Football League must envy. For Keith admits he has "too many" top-class strikers.

"I can only play three of them in a game," said Keith, "yet I've six very good forwards pushing for places."

Peter Taylor, Ian Moores, John Duncan, Chris Jones (above, in action v. Fulham), Gerry Armstrong and latest signing Colin Lee have all played in Spurs' Second Division promotion bid this season.

In an effort to ease his selection problems, Burkinshaw is trying to convert Gerry Armstrong, a Northern Ireland international striker, into a

centre-half!

"People will say that's ridiculous," admitted Keith, "especially after Gerry scored two goals for Northern Ireland against Belgium recently. But I think centre-half will be his best position—and besides, we've got some very talented forwards here."

The Spurs' boss is particularly pleased with his signing from Torquay, Colin Lee, who made that spectacular television debut, scoring four goals against Bristol Rovers. But will Lee be a one-match wonder?

"No way! In fact, he'll be better than I first thought. The more I've seen of Colin in training, the more I appreciate what he's got. I think he'll get to the very top."

IT'S just like the Tour de France at Coventry City's training ground these days. The player who turns in the best performance is awarded the "Yellow Shirt", which he wears in the next practice match. But City players are puzzled over why 'keeper Jim Blyth was awarded it—after being beaten nine times. Perhaps the players who did the scoring voted for Jim!

● Gary Devine, the 16-year-old son of country and western singer, Sydney Devine, has signed for Ayr United after returning home to Scotland following a spell with Sheffield United.

LIFE'S HARD in the Fourth Division? It is if the experience of one club manager we know is anything to go by.

He took his team North for a game recently and when he arrived at the ground found the dressing room door hanging off its hinges.

"I was frightened it might fall off and injure one of my players. So I lifted it gently off—and laid it on the bathroom floor," he explained.

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1. Manchester United's 2-1 F.A. Cup Final defeat of Liverpool last season deprived the Merseysiders, League Champions and eventual European Cup winners, of a unique treble. Name the scorers of the United and Liverpool goals.

2. Name the former Manchester United star who holds the record for netting the most goals in an F.A. Cup tie.

3. The club which has lifted the F.A. Cup a record number of times also boasts a striker who was joint top scorer of League and Cup goals in the First Division last season. Name the club, how many F.A. Cup triumphs it claims, and the marksman?

FORMER Birmingham and Celtic star Bertie Auld, now managing Partick Thistle, regards 23-year-old Sandy Frame as one of the best strikers in Scotland. Yet he has played only five matches in three years. In the same time he has had five cartilage operations. He is training again... and ready to start.

• Nice to see Burntisland Shipyard made it to the Scottish Cup proper. This long-loved club rarely charge admission. But they did so against Berwick Rangers. It's worth doing so for 1,000 spectators, but not for two or three. Which is their usual support. Plus, of course, the gallants who run the club.

ONE of Scotland's oldest clubs, St Cuthbert Wanderers, have been forced to withdraw from the South of Scotland League for the remainder of this season because of a player shortage.

The Kirkcudbright side were founded 98 years ago. Already they have been forced to call off several games this season. But secretary Bill McKenzie says they will hold trials later in the season in an effort to return to the League next August.

• Impersonator Mike Yarwood is vice-president of Stockport County. On hearing this a Stockport fan said: "Wish he'd impersonate a few players for us."

SUPER SON

HIBS have signed 18-year-old Craig Paterson, the son of one of their post-War year stars, centre-half John Paterson.

Craig was on trial with Hibs' reserves for a number of games but a star performance in an Edinburgh and District Juvenile select match settled the issue. His father joined Hibs in 1947 and played in the team which won the Scottish League Championship the following year.

DUNFERMLINE Athletic's determination to win promotion to the Scottish First Division — they missed it by one point last season — is shown by their signing on a month's loan of Hereford's Colin Sinclair.

The 29 year-old centre-forward has been 18 months with Hereford who bought him for £10,000 from Darlington who signed him from Raith Rovers seven years ago. While at Stark's Park, Kirkcaldy, he was a consistent scorer before taking the road to England.

MANAGERS MERRY-GO-ROUND



LIFE seemed sweet, when Bobby Smith (above, right) received the Bell's whisky Third Division Manager of the Month award for September.

But a month later, Bury sacked him and appointed ex-Sunderland boss Bob Stokoe as his successor.

Bobby wasn't out of work for long, however. Less than 24 hours after his shock dismissal at Bury, he was asked to take over as manager of Port Vale. And so the managerial merry-go-round goes on... and on... and on...



From left, back row — Joe Burke, Padraig O'Connor, Niall Shelly, Mick Smyth, Tommy Kelly, Austin Brady. Front row — Joey Salmon, Eamon Gregg, Pat Byrne, Eddie Byrne, John McCormack, Tony Dixon and Fran O'Brien.

BOHS LEAD

ALTHOUGH they transferred their star striker Gerry Ryan to Derby County in September, Bohemians (above) opened up a two-point lead at the halfway stage of the League of Ireland title race.

Bohemians, who last won the title in 1975, have replaced Ryan with not one, but two players. Winger Tony Dixon hit three goals in eight games, before making way for striker Joey Salmon, who scored four goals in three games before the mid-term break.

Salmon, who was on Leeds' books as a

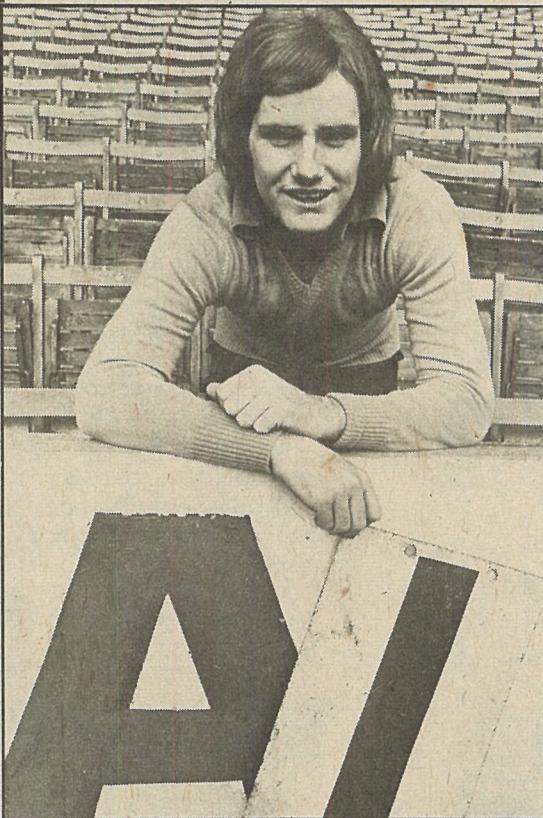
schoolboy and is still only 19, also scored twice in a Leinster Cup Semi-Final during his short spell in the first team.

Chasing Bohemians, who had 23 points from 15 games, are Finn Harps and Johnny Giles' club Shamrock Rovers who are both on 21 points.

Top scorer when the League resumes this month (January) will be Turlough O'Connor (Bohemians) on 13 goals, followed by former Everton apprentice Syd Wallace (Waterford) with 12. Former West Brom striker Ray Treacy (Shamrock Rovers) is on 11.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY striker Mick Prendergast is now A1.

Mick, who recently celebrated his 27th birthday, has been hit by injuries for 18 months, but he is back in the side chasing the goals.



• The legendary Wembley Wizards who beat England 5-1 at Wembley in 1928 had eight Scottish-based players in the side. Fifty years later, the team that took Scotland to the World Cup Finals had the same number of Southern-based Scots. Could that be an omen for Tartantina?

THIRD Division Preston wasted no time in snapping up 20-year-old Portadown midfielder-cum-striker Jim Campbell recently.

The Shamrock Park-Deepdale move, involving a fee in the region of £20,000, could soon enhance the international prospects of talented Campbell, who also had spells with Glentoran and Cliftonville.

Complaints

BRIAN TAYLOR'S recent move from Walsall to Plymouth aroused considerable comment among the Midland club's fans.

They rang Walsall manager Dave Mackay and also contacted the local newspaper to complain about the deal.

This is most unusual in the case of Walsall, but illustrates just how highly rated Taylor was at Fellows Park.

BOURNEMOUTH striker Terry Shanahan is beginning to think he has become the victim of an injury jinx.

It all started to go wrong for London-born Shanahan just as he was trying to establish himself in Millwall's Second Division side. He was forced out of the reckoning by a knee injury which resulted in a cartilage operation.

Shanahan hoped his luck would change with a summer move to Bournemouth. But in his first game for them at Hereford he broke his jaw and ended up back in hospital.

That meant two months out of the game — and yet his problems were by no means over.

After only two comeback games, Shanahan fell awkwardly in training and badly damaged his ankle. Result: another long spell of inaction.

"Things must get better sooner or later," he said.

FORCED TO ASK FOR A MOVE

MIDFIELD man Ray Bunkell was heartbroken recently when he was forced to ask Colchester for a transfer.

Bunkell, former Tottenham and Swindon star, does not want to leave the Essex club. But he feels he has little alternative because he wants first team football.

"Colchester are a great little club and manager Bobby Roberts must be among the top coaches in the business," says Bunkell.

"I'm sure he'll take Colchester to better things and I'd like to go along with them."

"But I have been dropped a few times this season and got back only when people have been injured. So I have to accept my future lies elsewhere."

MOTHERWELL sacked manager Willie McLean, only weeks after he had signed a new three year contract! McLean was 39 months at Fir Park and chairman Ian Livingstone announced the parting of company had been done "amicably".

McLean became the fourth boss to be sacked by a Premier Division side. Jimmy Bonthrone was axed by Aberdeen and Hearts and St. Johnstone, while they were in the Top Ten, sacked John Hagart and Jackie Stewart respectively.

CHINESE CURE

DEREK MCKAY, who scored twice when Aberdeen beat Celtic in the 1970 Scottish Cup Final, is now playing for Australian club Kiev... thanks to a Chinaman.

Troubled by a persistent groin injury, Derek tried acupuncture and came away cured after having long pins stuck all over his body.

At present on holiday in Macduff, the former Don is being sought by Highland League clubs Ross County and Buckie Thistle who want him on a short-term contract until he returns to Australia.

A LOT of people were surprised a couple of months ago when Harry Griffiths decided to remain with Swansea after being sacked.

Griffiths was removed from the manager's chair, but was asked to stay on as a coach.

Then, when Newport's Colin Addison turned down the Swan's manager's job, Griffiths was put back in charge again.

"I know people are saying I should have quit altogether after being told I was not the manager any more," says Griffiths.

"But it's not as simple as that. This club has been my life for nearly 30 years and I just could not turn my back on them."



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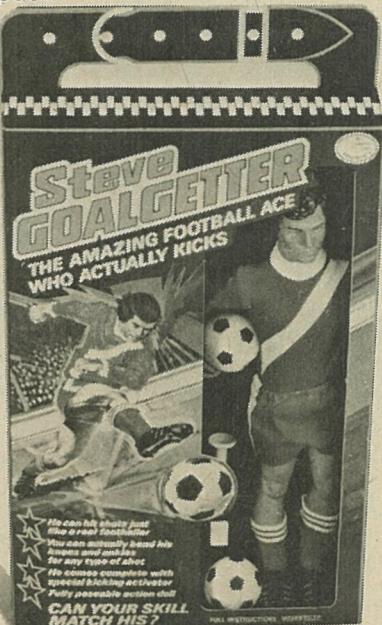
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HE'LL BE IN THE TOYSHOPS SOON.



QUIETLY confident sums up the hopes of Second Division Southampton this season. Confident a place in the First Division is within their reach this term.

Led by manager Lawrie McMenemy, who like the Geordie he is, is hoping his "boat comes in" at the end of April.

Toughened by four years in the Second, the stage is set for a return to the big-time. With experience in the side coming from skipper Alan Ball, still one of the finest midfielders in the game, centre-back Chris Nicholl and goalscoring twins Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer. And McMenemy has also blended youngsters like Trevor Hebbert, Steven Neville, Austin Hayes and Tony Funnell into the side.

Although Southampton have lost the talents of Peter Osgood, who left for America just before Christmas, and England's Mike Channon in the summer.

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SOUTHAMPTON

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1976-77 season)

MANNY ANDRUSZEWSKI: Defender signed professional in October, 1973. Born Eastleigh. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.7½. L.App:— 34. G:— 2.

ALAN BALL: Midfielder who joined Southampton just before Christmas, 1976. Member of England's 1966 World Cup winning team and won 72 full England caps as well as being skipper of his country. Born Franworth. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Blackpool 116, Everton 208, Arsenal 177, Southampton 23. G:— Blackpool 41, Everton 66, Arsenal 45, Southampton 1.

PHIL BOYER: Striker signed from Norwich City in August, 1977 to link up with his partner at several clubs Ted MacDougall. One England full cap. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— York 108 and 1 sub, Bournemouth 140 and 1 sub, Norwich 115 and 1 sub. G:— York 27, Bournemouth 46, Norwich 34.

TONY FUNNELL: Young striker signed professional in June, 1977 and given his League chance this season. Born Eastbourne. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.10.

AUSTIN HAYES: Another of the many young Southampton players being blooded in the League side. Signed professional in July, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.5½. Wt. 9.10. L. App:— 1 and 2 sub.

TREVOR HEBBERT: Young striker signed professional in July, 1976. Born Winchester. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 5 and 7 sub.

NICK HOLMES: Midfielder signed professional in November, 1972. Born Southampton. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— 98 and 5 sub. G:— 21.

TED MacDOUGALL: Famous striking partner to Phil Boyer. Ted signed for Southampton in September, 1976 from Norwich City. Has seven full Scottish caps. Born Inverness. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.11. L. App:— York 84, Bournemouth 146, Man. Utd. 18, West Ham 24, Norwich 112, Southampton 36. G:— York 34, Bournemouth 103, Man. Utd. 5, West Ham 5, Norwich 51, Southampton 23.

STEVEN NEVILLE: Striker signed professional in October 1975 and given his League chance in the 1977-78 season. Born Walthamstow. Ht. 5.8¾. Wt. 10.3.

CHRIS NICHOLL: Centre-back signed from Aston Villa in June, 1977. Started this season with 12 caps for Northern Ireland. Born Macclesfield. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.12. L. App:— Halifax 42, Luton 97, Aston Villa 210. G:— Halifax 3, Luton 6, Aston Villa 11.

DAVID PEACH: Defender signed from Gillingham for £50,000 in January, 1974. Skippered England's Under-21 side in the summer of 1977. Born Bedford. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— Gillingham 186 and 1 sub, Southampton 128 and 3 sub. G:— Gillingham 30, Southampton 19.

MIKE PICKERING: Defender signed from Barnsley in June,

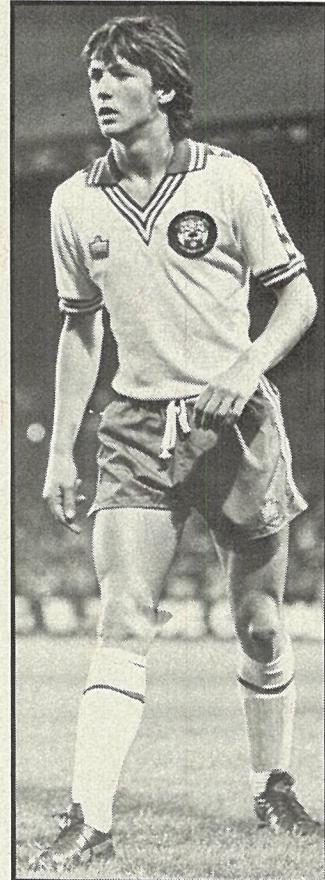
1977. Born Huddersfield. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— Barnsley 100. G:— 1.

IAN TURNER: Goalkeeper signed for £20,000 in March, 1974 from Grimsby Town. Born Middlesbrough. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.10. L. App:— Grimsby 26, Walsall (on loan) 3, Southampton 65.

MALCOLM WALDRON: Defender signed professional in September, 1974. Born Emsworth. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.4. L. App:— 36 and 1 sub.

PETER WELLS: Goalkeeper signed from Nottingham Forest in December, 1976. Born Nottingham. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— Nottm For. 27, Southampton 24.

STEVE WILLIAMS: Midfielder and England Under-21 cap signed professional in July, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— 33 and 1 sub.

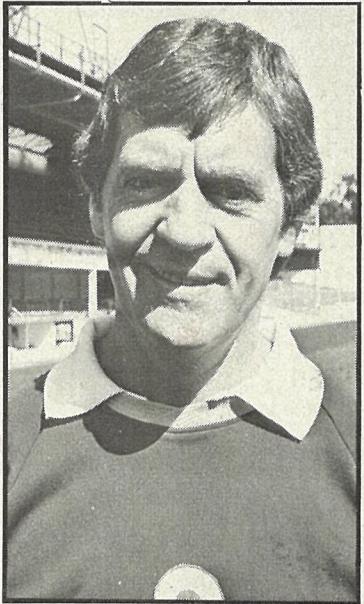


Former England international Alan Ball (above) is skipper of Southampton. Steve Williams (left) is a promising youngster.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Mike Channon	16
1973-74	Mike Channon	21
1974-75	Mike Channon	19
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1976-77	Ted MacDougall	23

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RECORD VICTORY:

11-0 v Northampton, Southern League, December 28th, 1901.

RECORD DEFEAT:

0-8 v Tottenham, Division Two, March 28th, 1936 and v Everton, Division One, November 20th, 1971.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

61 in Division Three (South), 1921-22 and Division Three, 1959-60.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

Derek Reeves 39 in Division Three, 1959-60.

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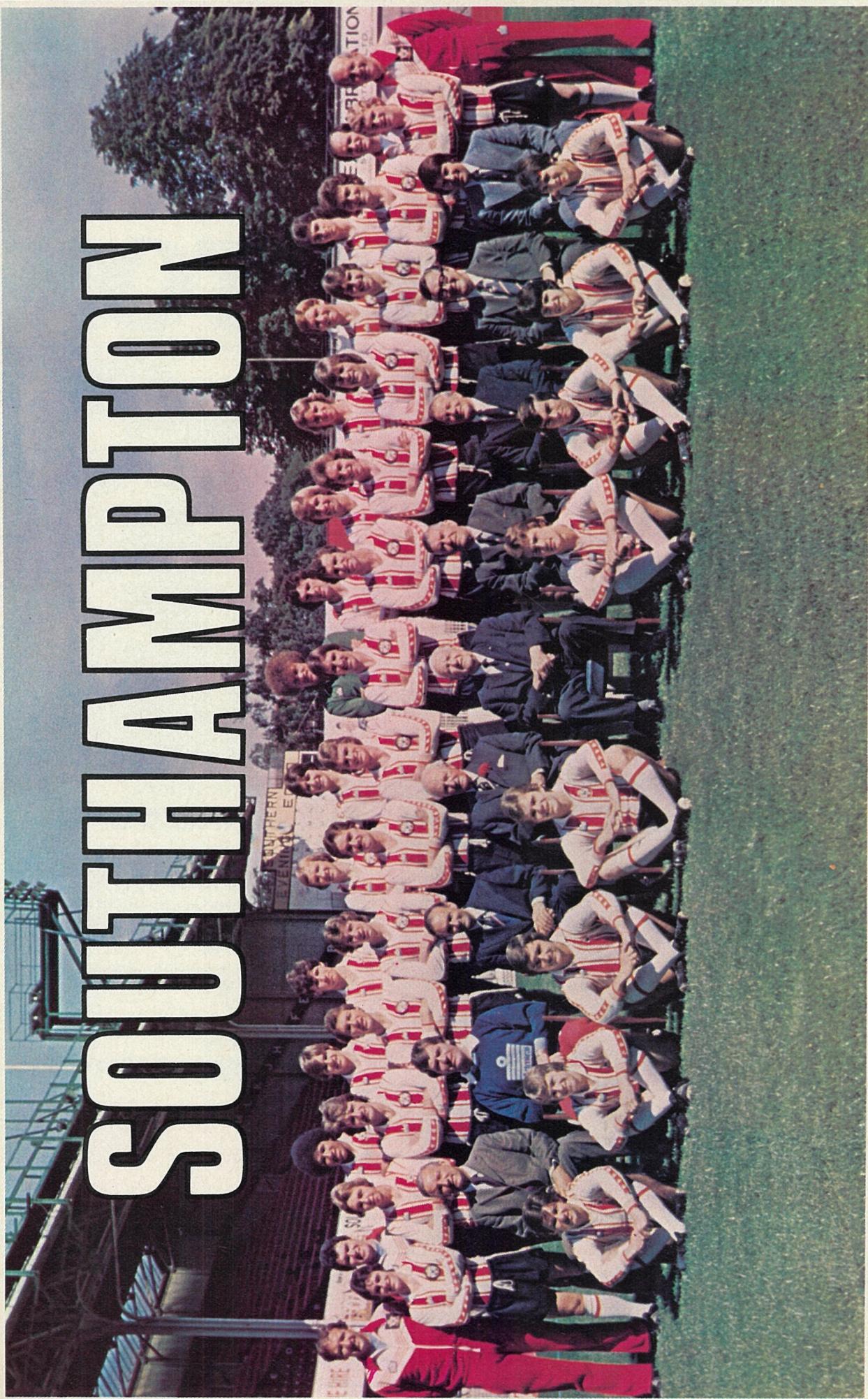
NICKNAME:

'Saints'

COLOURS:

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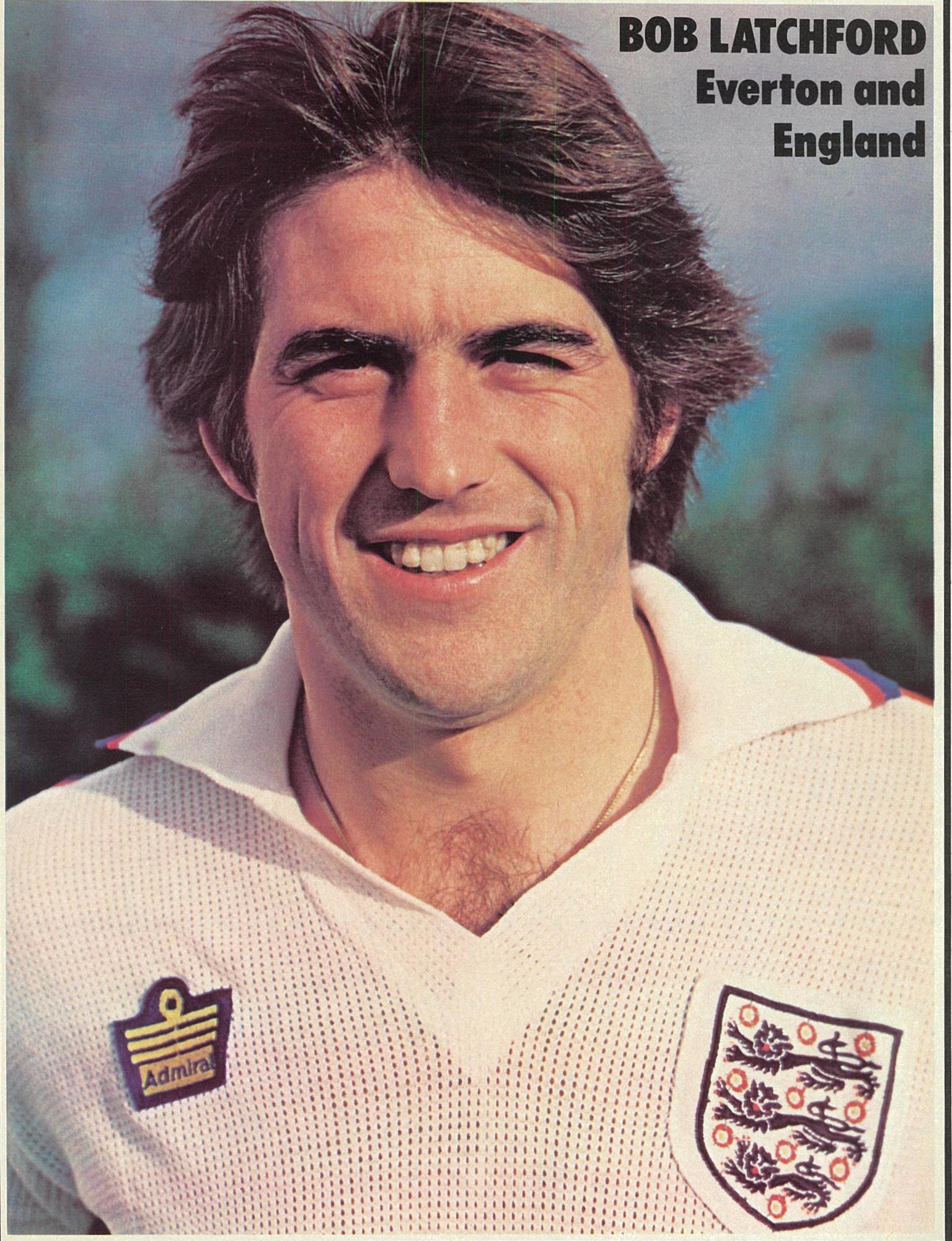


BACK ROW (left to right)
Tony Sealy, Tony Funnell, Steve Neville, David Peach, Steve Williams, Ian Turner, Paul Arnold, Phil Boyer, George Shipley, Alan Ball, Kevin Dawtry.

SECOND ROW
Jim Clunie (trainer), Austin Hayes, John McGrath (trainer), Graham Baker, Nick Holmes, Manny Andruszewski, Trevor Hebbard, Michael Pickering, Malcolm Waldron, Chris Nicholl, Peter Osgood (now Philadelphia), Forbes Phillipson-Masters, Mel Blyth (on loan to C. Palace), John Sharpe, Ted MacDougall, Don Taylor (physiotherapist), Tim Coak, George Horsfall (trainer).

THIRD ROW
Bill Ellerington (chief scout), Lawrie McMenemy (manager), F. Askham (director), E. Chaplin (director), G. Reader (chairman), B. Bowyer (director), A. Woodford (director), K. Honey (secretary), B. Truscott (box office manager).

BOTTOM ROW
Michael Doherty, David Puckett, Mark Whitlock, Chris McMenemy, Lee Harwood, Martin McGrath, Wayne Pratt, Gary Wheatcroft.



BOB LATCHFORD
Everton and
England

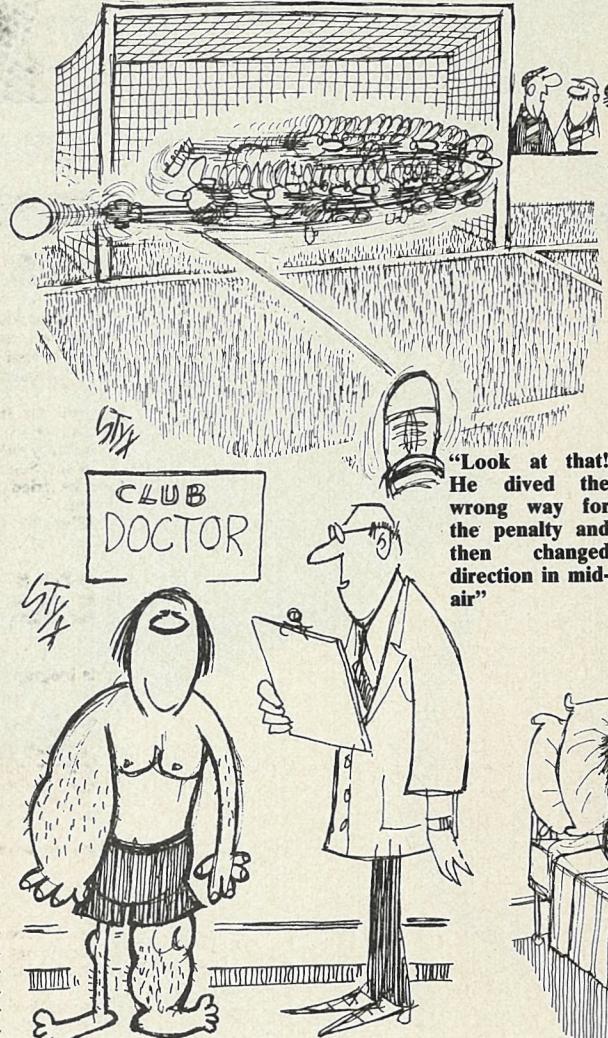
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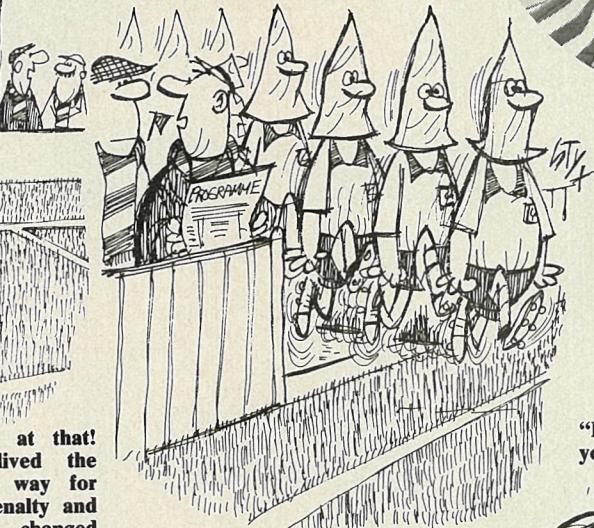
"The manager never names the team until the last second"

This week Burnley's **TERRY COCHRANE** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

"Fantastic, Joe — fame at last — you've made the headlines"



"Look at that! He dived the wrong way for the penalty and then changed direction in mid-air"



"Now let me see — you're a left-wing striker and you also play darts for our supporters' club"

"The new boy's a sensation"



I SEE WE'RE THE
UNDERDOGS FOR
SATURDAY'S CUP-TIE



THAT CALLS FOR
SPECIAL TRAINING



SPECIAL TRAINING FOR
UNDERDOGS ... THE
MIND BOGGLES!



FETCH, BOY, FETCH!



Hard luck story

• The hard-luck story of the Argentinian season was Lanus joining Ferro and Temperley in the drop to Primera B. Lanus were promoted last season, and finally had to play a play-off against Platense to decide which of the two teams would be relegated.

After 90 minutes and extra-time the score was still 0-0, and Lanus finally lost on penalties.

What a way to be relegated after playing 44 games!

THE TEN Caribbean countries in CONCACAF have formed their own Caribbean Football Federation. At present, the likes of Haiti, Jamaica and St. Domingo have to play-off against Central American sides (Mexico etc) and North America for a World Cup place.

With the number of Finalists likely to be increased from 16 to 24 in 1982, the Caribbeans are hoping F.I.F.A. will regard them as a separate group in future.

• When Turkey beat Malta 3-0 in a World Cup tie recently, it meant the Maltese had gone 991 minutes without scoring a goal.

HUDSON'S TRANSFER who's kidding who?

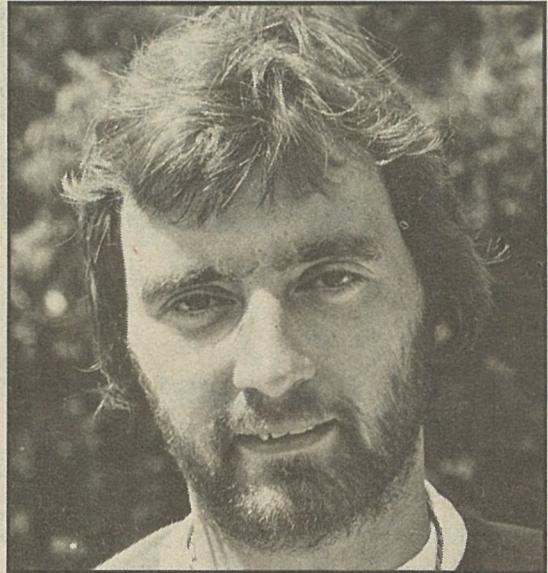
ALL's gone quiet recently on the subject of Alan Hudson's supposed £200,000 transfer to Hercules of Alicante — and I must admit I'm left wondering who was kidding who. When I first asked our man in Spain to check out the story he went quiet for a moment and then said: "It isn't April Fools' Day, is it?"

He went on to explain why the rumours didn't exactly convince him. First, Hercules haven't that sort of money. Their average gate of 19,850 means their financial possibilities are limited, and the most they've ever paid for a player is £30,000!

Secondly, Hercules have already got their quota of two foreigners, which means they can't sign any more till next season. The rumours have it Hudson would play on loan with Ajax for the rest of this season before moving on to Spain — but are we to believe a top-class club like Ajax will cheerfully pay Hudson's wage bill for six months and then casually wave goodbye?

In any case, the Spanish authorities are seriously considering a ban on foreign players as from next season. Also, the Hercules squad contains eight South American players, and it's highly debatable whether an English-style midfielder would adapt to the different style of play.

Sorry, Alan, but I wouldn't spend too much on suntan lotion just yet . . .



• You may have seen on T.V. the incident during the Yugoslavia v Spain World Cup tie when Spanish winger Juanito was hit on the head by a bottle thrown from the stand.

The trouble is among the millions of people who see this type of incident there's always likely to be some lunatic who thinks it's funny to copy. Sure enough, just four days later, during a Spanish Second Division game between Murcia and Celta, a linesman was hit full in the face by a bottle thrown from the terraces and had to be taken to hospital with a broken jaw and several broken teeth.

All because he signalled a dubious offside decision. Sometimes I despair . . .

Thanks, Doc.

A WEST GERMAN DOCTOR has saved the World Cup chances of Rudi Seliger of MSV Duisburg. Because all foreigners must have certain vaccinations before going to Argentina, it posed problems for Seliger, who happens to be allergic to them.

Helmut Schoen said in an interview how sorry he was as Seliger figured in his plans. Then a specialist read the article and contacted the German F.A.

The specialist had a serum that Seliger could take without ill effect, so the Duisburg star could now be in Schoen's party of 22 for Argentina.

• An unexpected guest at the Borussia Dortmund-Borussia Mönchengladbach game in West Germany. The "presents" were equally divided in the end — the game finished 3-3.

CHAMPIONS, IF . . .

1. FC COLOGNE will be Champions of West Germany . . . if history repeats itself. They led the Bundesliga at the halfway mark and in the 14 years of the competition, the "winter Champions" have lifted the actual title 12 times.

Other halfway leaders: FC Bruges (Belgium), PSV (Holland), Nice (France), Partisan Belgrade (Yugoslavia), AEK Athens (Greece) and AS Armatia (Rumania).



POLITICIAN PELE ANGERS BRAZILIANS

PELÉ caused a great uproar in Brazil when he stopped talking about football and started talking about politics. In a visit to the Home Secretary, Pelé said: "Brazilians don't know how to vote."

That disgusted the liberals, who are trying to restore a measure of democracy to the country after 13 years of military rule.

The day after, Pelé went to the Senate and to the Congress, where he tried to minimise his previous statement:

"All I meant to say is Brazilians like to vote in their relatives and friends of their relatives, and that is not right."

But people in Brazil now say Pelé is too full of himself. He thinks he can teach football in the United States, and politics in Brazil.

• Picture shows Pelé with his biography.

PROMOTED CLUB VfB Stuttgart lead the attendances chart in West Germany with an average home gate of around 70,000.

AMAZING SWOP

BAYERN MUNICH and Eintracht Frankfurt were involved in one of the most incredible exchanges ever a few weeks ago. They swapped team-bosses. Everyone was taken by surprise as after training one morning Dettmar Cramer left Bayern to fly to Frankfurt to sign a contract, at the same time as Guyla Lorant was leaving Frankfurt for Munich. The players of both camps were most

• The complete Swedish midfield is now playing abroad: Linderoth (in France with Olympique Marseille), Torstensson (with Zurich in Switzerland) while Lennart Larsson has just joined German club Schalke 04.

• The oldest player in the World Cup Finals could be Italian goalkeeper Albertosi, who is 38. He's been in tremendous form this season while Castellini — the current reserve to Zoff — is out of form.

AFTER 17 League programmes in Switzerland 343 goals had been scored in the First Division, 167 by Swiss players and 176 by foreigners.

CHEERS!

COR VAN DER HART, one of Holland's 1974 World Cup coaches, is back in business after a couple of years in the cold.

The Dutchman has a reputation as a heavy drinker and it was his indulgence in alcohol that cost him his job with Holland.

He went to Standard Liege in Belgium, but still he drank too much too often.

Van der Hart was out of work again until AZ '67 (the club of Jan Peters and Wim van Hanegem) offered him a contract.

He said: "I'm fighting my drink problem. My doctor has given me a pill that makes me sick every time I touch alcohol."

TENS of thousands flock to the Mecca of Goodison Park to acclaim them; millions switch on television sets at the mention of Everton. Just about the only level-headed people in sight over the brilliant resurgence of one of the great clubs of British football are the players themselves.

"Sure we've got ambitions," says skipper Mick Lyons. "To win our next match."

If that seems a limited horizon for the rampaging side now emerging as favourites to win the First Division Championship, Lyons argues calmly: "Look, football is the last job in the world where anyone should live indefinitely on the high line. There are always plenty of opponents waiting to knock you off."

"There are times when it is absolutely vital to keep both feet on the ground. And that moment for us is now."

Lyons was a 17-year-old hopeful fighting for a chance at Goodison Park when Everton last won a major title: the League Championship in 1969-70. Ever since Liverpool have dominated Merseyside... so, perhaps, could that be reflected in his caution?

"All I know for certain is you don't start shouting until you win something. This game is the



After years of being upstaged by city rivals Liverpool, The Blues, under the management of Gordon Lee, are grabbing the limelight. What has brought about the good times at Goodison Park — and can they last?

THE EVERTON

greatest leveller of all. What I will say — because it stands out a mile — is that confidence and enjoyment runs right through the players.

"That's what Gordon Lee has done for us. He's never given us a challenge in those terms. Just 'Go out and enjoy your football'. And, of course, that's the best challenge of all.

"The mood is so different. Players rush to start training; the five-a-side games are taken as seriously as a Saturday afternoon match and Gordon joins in."

Is he a good player? "I'm not answering that! Something we're all aware of is he wants to win just as much as we do. Then, after the training, the humour is fantastic: the best I've ever known and that shows just what has happened to the team spirit."

There have been several stories sweeping football that it wasn't quite so friendly at Everton not so long ago: that the mood could match the drabness of Everton's football as they floundered in Liverpool's wake. Just how true?

"There were a few players not really enjoying their football as they should have done. That showed on the pitch. Now we express the attitude within the club by the way we play. That's the difference. For instance, Trevor Ross arrived from Arsenal — and a couple of days later, he had settled in so completely anyone would think he'd been with us for years."

Lee, poised and without a shred of self doubt over his purpose and



plans for Everton, confirms: "For us, football is a livelihood: for the people who watch us, football is the other half of their lives. You have to give them something that entertains and excites."

Jim King has slogged through the bad years at Everton as well as loving every minute of the triumphant campaigns. As public relations officer for the Supporters' Club, he speaks for thousands when he says: "There's magic in the air here again."

"Not just because we're winning but because Gordon Lee has made the supporters part of the team and the team part of the supporters. We're a partnership. We start every game together."

"As the players appear, the crowd chants their names one by one and each member of the side steps forward to respond with a wave."

"Yes, that kind of identification means so much," confirms Lee. "When I first went to Goodison, I felt everyone should be brought together. That's why I introduced myself to the crowd at my first home game by greeting supporters on four corners of the ground. We need the supporters; the fans need us. That's what football is about."

Jim King agrees: "The atmosphere is so refreshing now."

Mark Higgins — 'an England international in the making'

'The best team spirit I've ever known'
— Captain Mick Lyons

Let's face it, the blue had gone out of style: it was the red of Liverpool everywhere. Now when you go to town shopping on a Saturday morning, at least half the people are wearing blue scarves and hats. It's exhilarating.

"At last we can hold our heads up high, take on an argument and give as good as we get. That means so much in a city divided by football."

"Take our supporters' club. Not so long ago, you could walk in there after a game and stand around with plenty of room. These days we have to put the block on. The place is bulging."

Manager Lee has whipped up the fervour of Goodison with attacking football. No one has run headlong into its full fury more than Coventry City — themselves strongly tipped for honours this season — who were crushed 0-6.

Their fiercely competitive skipper Terry Yorath says: "This is

the way Everton visibly intend to play — that's the reason you buy a winger like Dave Thomas. At £200,000, he has to be anyone's best buy of the season."

"Dave doesn't need to go past a full-back to get in a cross. He can check and centre with his right foot: if he does go outside his marking defender, then the ball comes over from his left."

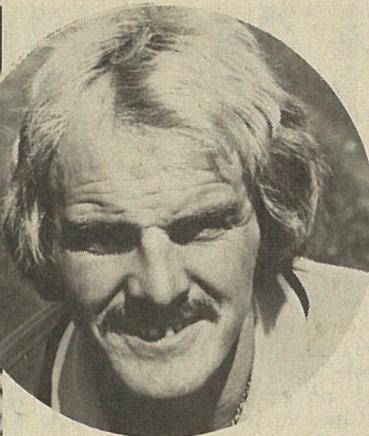
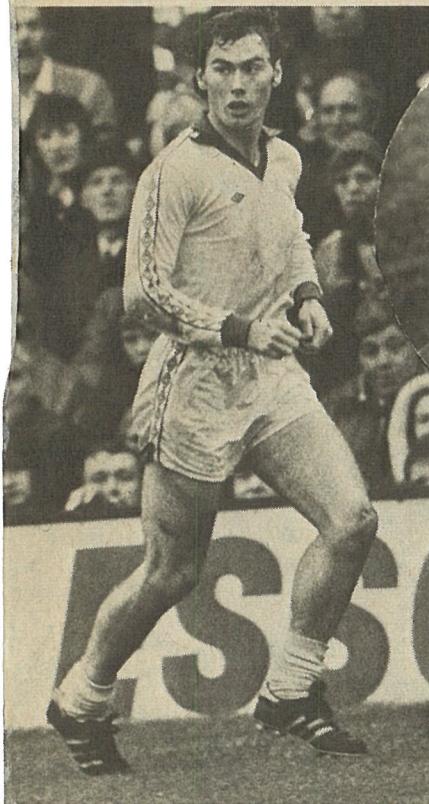
"In the middle, you've got this big man Bob Latchford and he charges in to be on the end of everything Dave sends over. We gave as good as we got for long spells in that match: it was the way those two worked together that produced the scoreline."

The signing of Thomas, and that last season of Duncan McKenzie, that signalled the way ahead for supporters. "We had been brought up on brilliant ball-players like Roy Vernon and Alex Young. Their kind of football is the football Everton fans look for in their teams," says King.

So is this side now packed with the stylish matchwinners of the calibre of those who brought Everton their last Championship triumph? "They had marvellous individuals like Alan Ball, and I remember unbelievable solo contributions winning games for that side," says Lyons.

"Where we score is all-for-one and one-for-all football. We work as a team from top to bottom."

That is Lee's philosophy coming out again: the team as one sealed unit, merging a range of skills and a physical commitment into one



— Terry Yorath, captain of Coventry City, beaten 6-0 by Everton

‘Dave Thomas — best buy of the season’

down on top of you like a tidal wave. It was quite fantastic . . . what a lift it must have been to Everton's players."

Although Lee has used the cheque book to sign established stars like Wood, Ross and Thomas and results have backed his judgment to the hilt, he takes tremendous pleasure in the sudden surge to first team status of "unknowns" such as the 19-year-old Higgins.

"He is one of those remarkable youngsters who is a man when he is 17 or 18. Now he is far ahead of his years in terms of football maturity. He thinks deeply about the game and, surely, is an England international in the making," predicts Lee.

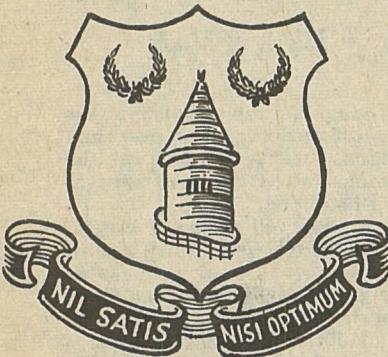
"Mark is lucky in having a father, John, who has been through the game himself — as a centre-half at Bolton. Even so, directly I saw him in action, I knew he was a lad who couldn't miss.

"He was the reason I was able to sell Ken McNaught to Aston Villa. But not even I believed he would make such progress."

The Higgins success story has the stamp of Lee's approach: of bringing belief back to a club racked by self doubts. "The club had been going through a bad patch. My one priority was to bring the confidence back to the players by getting some results — and that we did by reaching the League Cup Final last season. Everything started from there."

From the Goodison 'establishment' like Lyons, to the teenagers such as Higgins and to the newest arrivals such as Thomas, the response is now emphatic . . . the gauntlet is being thrown down at Everton. "To Liverpool and the rest of football," insists King on behalf of a swelling army of supporters now approaching an average of 10,000 more a match than last season!

REVIVAL



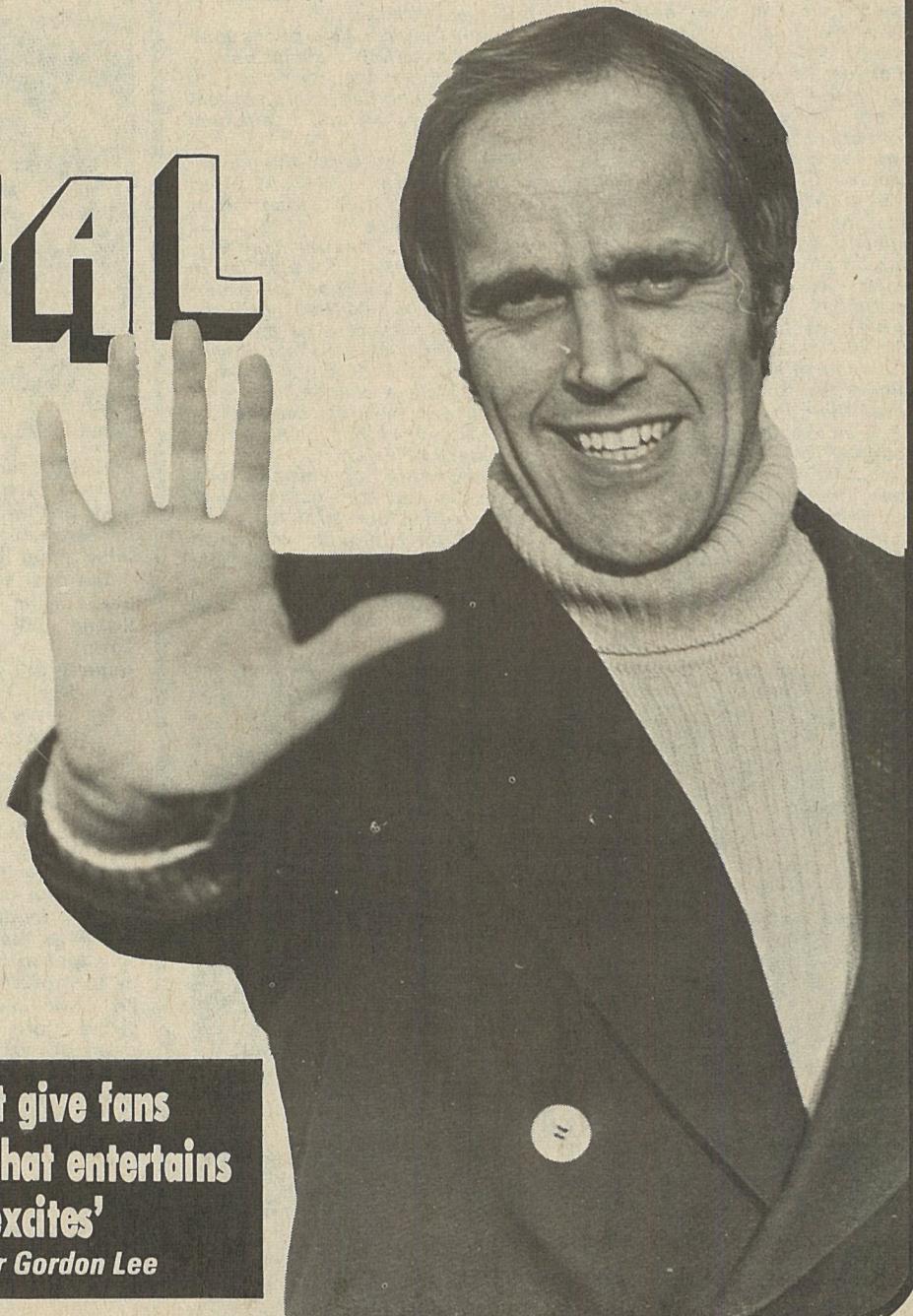
supreme combined effort.

Yorath agrees. "I know I picked out Latchford and Thomas but you can see the changes Gordon Lee has made there. In goalkeeper George Wood he has signed a man who has spread confidence to his back-four — and that's important.

"In turn, Gordon has made that defensive line of David Jones, Mark Higgins, Mick Lyons and Mick Pejic hard. I don't intend that in the worst sense of the word: now they are mean, competitive and want to win everything.

"Certainly the turn-round has been astonishing. We played them there last season in the League Cup and there were about 20,000 or less inside the ground, making hardly any noise and apparently expecting the worse.

"This season when we ran into those six goals, the noise rolled



'You must give fans something that entertains and excites'

— Manager Gordon Lee

REDS BID FOR WEMBLEY RECORD

LIVERPOOL, the Kings of Europe, have a chance of completing a record number of Wembley appearances in one season.

Emlyn Hughes led the European Cup winners to the first stage of what would be an incredible feat on Saturday, August 13, when Liverpool played Manchester United in the Charity Shield, at Wembley.

Now, Liverpool are "Oop for t' Cup" and on the Wembley trail again in the F.A. and League Cups.

And if all the hopes of Bob Paisley's squad materialise this season they might not even bother to return North after the F.A. Cup Final on May 6th.

For just four days after the Cup Final medal ceremony and lap of honour by the winning team, Liverpool could be back at the home of English football for the European Cup Final, on May 10th.

The bookies would offer heavy odds against such a record being achieved but when it comes to winning glory in football, nothing seems to be beyond the capabilities of The Reds.

An appearance in the F.A. Cup Final this season would be Liverpool's fourth since 1965.

Roger Hunt and Ian St. John scored the goals which gave them a 2-1 victory over Leeds in the Wembley Final of 1964-65.

Republic of Ireland international Steve Heighway planted a goal past Bob Wilson in the 1971 Final after extra-time but saw Eddie Kelly and Charlie George cancel out his effort by putting two goals past Ray Clemence to give the London club victory.

Liverpool were back at Wembley again in 1974, defeating Newcastle 3-0 with two goals by Kevin Keegan, and Heighway again.

Anfield fans may wish to forget the club's 2-1 defeat by Tommy Docherty's Manchester United in the 1977 Final but defeat at Wembley was more than compensated by Liverpool's historic 3-1 victory over Borussia Monchengladbach four days later in Rome.

Liverpool's first Wembley appearance this season, in the F.A. Charity Shield, drew the biggest crowd this annual curtain-raiser has ever attracted.

Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's summer buy from Celtic, did his best to break the scoring deadlock but two fine sides had to be content with a nil-nil draw and a half share in the trophy.

Wembley has staged three European Cup Finals — 1963: AC Milan 2, Benfica 1; 1968: Manchester Utd. 4, Benfica 1; 1971: Ajax Amsterdam 2, Panathinaikos 0 — and there is not a football fan in the country, Liverpool or otherwise, who would not wish the Anfield club success in trying to emulate Man. United's feat of winning the trophy on English soil.

Pool have a chance of a first-ever appearance in the League Cup Final. They play Wrexham away in the Quarter-Finals.

If successful, Bob Paisley's men would be just two games away from another football first.

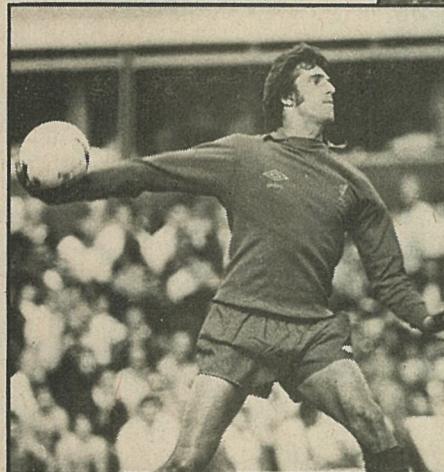
If Liverpool should accomplish that extra special record this season, their fan club might be advised to open a Wembley branch of the Spion Kop!

'I'M DREAMING

WHEN THE Third Round of the F.A. Cup comes around, First and Second Division players start dreaming of a Wembley Final. In contrast, those with clubs in the two lower Divisions who have survived the first two rounds of the competition, keep their fingers crossed for a money-spinning tie against a big club and regard winning through to the next round as an "impossible dream".

I should know — because I was with a Fourth Division club, Scunthorpe United, before I joined Liverpool and began to enjoy the benefits of the big-time.

In fact, in my two seasons with The Irons there was no chance of



'Doncaster gave us a shock'

grabbing some glory or taking home a fat wage packet.

My first taste of Cup action was so unremarkable, I can't remember a thing about it.

The next season we did well to beat Lincoln City away in the First Round, only to lose to Mansfield Town — a club who have done some great giant-killing deeds in their time — in the Second.

It's always an ambition of players to play away against their former club, and I'm no exception. Ever since I came to Liverpool I've followed Scunthorpe's progress with this in mind.

Returning to the Old Show Ground would be a real sentimental journey for me, evoking memories of my early days and the good and bad times there.

I suppose my main reason would be to prove to myself just how far I'd come in football, apart from giving long-standing fans the chance to measure how much my game has improved.

Unfortunately, it's an ambition I shan't fulfil this season, as Scunthorpe are already out of the running.

Maybe it's a blessing in disguise, because soccer's "small fry" are capable of swallowing the "big fish" at times. We've certainly had our scares against clubs from the lower levels.

I thought for the rest of my article I'd recall our progress in past competitions, relive some of the moments when my heart sang or almost stopped!

In my first full season at Anfield, in 1970-71, we were drawn against Aldershot, whose player-manager was Jimmy Melia, a former Liverpool star obviously keen to do well on his old goal-hunting ground.

It was a bitterly-cold day, with the pitch so frozen it was like playing on rough, slippery concrete.

The Shots, urged on by Jimmy, played like men inspired and gave us a hard game, which we won by the only goal scored. It was well-taken by John McLaughlin, now unfortunately playing non-League football, who dispossessed Jimmy Melia, saw their keeper off his line and lobbed the ball over his head into the net.

We went on to the Final, which we lost to Arsenal — the double-winners that season — 2-1 after extra-time. Watching the Final was our new signing, a lad from my old club Scunthorpe, Kevin Keegan, who was to prove to be a key figure in our future campaigns.

Kevin scored two of the goals that helped knock out our Third Round opponents, Oxford United in 1972, a feat that started him on his personal road to fame.



Emlyn Hughes holds aloft the European Cup that Liverpool won last term.

OF A WEMBLEY E.A. CUP FINAL'



Kevin Keegan (above, centre) rises above a Doncaster defender to score his and Liverpool's first goal. Pool's Phil Thompson (right) beats George Graham of Palace during their Cup clash last season.



In the Fourth Round we drew Leeds United, who were our biggest rivals at that time, and they held us to a goal-less draw at Anfield.

In the replay at Elland Road, Allan Clarke struck top form, putting the two goals past me that ended our hopes of putting right our Wembley failure of the previous year.

Apart from the disappointment, I have another unhappy memory of that tie. I had left an envelope at the gate containing tickets for my wife, Vee, and her parents, but when they arrived there the tickets had gone. Presumably claimed by one of the thousands of fans locked out at the start. All Vee and her Mum and Dad could do was turn around and catch an early train home. At least they were spared watching our defeat!

In the Third Round in 1972-73 Liverpool drew at Turf Moor. Any thoughts Burnley had of causing an upset at Anfield were dispelled

when we quickly got into our steam-rolling stride and put three goals past their defence without reply.

Round Four saw a goal-less draw at Anfield, this time against Manchester City, then managed by Malcolm Allison. The same fate as we'd suffered the previous year at Elland Road awaited us at Maine Road, where we went down by the same scoreline, 2-0, their scorers being Colin Bell and Tommy Booth.

1973-74 was to be our Cup year, although we started with a Third Round tie that gave us the fright of our lives.

You learn in football never to underestimate a team in football, no matter how bad its record, yet

had recovered our composure scored again, to send us down the tunnel at half-time trailing by 2-1.

We had a real fight on our hands. Doncaster were playing with a spirit, composure and style that belied their position in the League.

Older fans in our crowd began to recall a previous match at Anfield against a Fourth Division side, one of the biggest shocks in the annals of Anfield, when Swansea had won 2-1.

It was Kevin who eased our agony with another goal that put us level.

Proof that luck was on our side came when their centre-forward, Mike Elwiss — now with Preston — sent a lobbing shot over me which hit the bar, bounced down and was

Our boss always used to joke before games against The Rams: "I don't know their side yet, but they've named the substitute."

Their goal came about like this: Bruce Rioch, then in his first spell with Derby, crossed the ball hard from the left-wing, one of our defenders on the near-post missed the ball; so did their Frannie Lee; so did Emlyn, who fell, deflecting the ball with his backside to Roger, who hit in a simple shot.

Roger, of course, after a spell with F.C. Bruges, the Belgian club we beat in the 1976 U.E.F.A. Cup Final, is now with Leicester.

Last season Crystal Palace came to Anfield for the Third Round, and almost "did a Swansea" on us. If they had taken all the goal chances they created our Cup run would have ended there and then. As it turned out, a draw sent us to Selhurst Park for a replay.

There was a marvellous atmosphere on the night. Fans were in good humour, in anticipation of an exciting game, and I like to think we did not disappoint them.

The pitch was wet and soggy and one of the Palace players did well to thump a 30-yarder past me to open their account.

However, there was no way we were going to lose. First, Kevin scored from a free-kick, then we went 2-1 up before half-time.

Stevie Heighway got our third, then their George Graham grabbed a late second goal. It was a much more clear-cut goal than Arsenal's first against me in the 1971 Final, when George appeared to score for them, only for Eddie Kelly to get the credit. To this day I couldn't be sure which put the ball past me.

And so the tie ended 3-2, to send us on a fairly easy ride to Wembley, where we lost 2-1 to Manchester United.

Needless to say, one of our priorities this term is to wipe out the memory of that defeat and relieve United of the Cup.

And we were relieved to learn that we had been drawn against a fellow First Division side, Chelsea, in our opening tie of this season's competition.

You've already got the message, we've an aversion to meeting teams from the lower levels.

We have already beaten Chelsea in the League and the League Cup this term.

As we really are in with a chance of winning the three Cups, it's important we avoid being taken to replays.

But Chelsea are an improved side, playing at home, and anything can happen!

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

cleared by one of our defenders with only inches to spare from a challenging attacker.

Our attitude was absolutely right for the replay and we won by 2-0.

We had a comparatively shock-free path to the Final, when we took the Cup after beating a below-par Newcastle United side by three goals to nil.

Incidentally, Malcolm Macdonald, now with Arsenal, and Terry McDermott, who signed for us in the following November, were in The Magpies' line-up.

We began our defence of the Cup, in 1974-75, with a Third Round tie against Stoke at Anfield, which we won comfortably by 2-0.

The F.A.'s black, numbered balls dealt us the toughest possible tie for the next Round: Ipswich Town away.

With five minutes to go on a wet, bumpy pitch we had visions of taking them back to our patch for a replay — until a cross was headed down into our penalty-box, and Mick Mills scrambled the ball past me.

West Ham won the Cup that year, beating Fulham 2-0, and in the 1975-76 Third Round were paired against us at Upton Park.

A very end-to-end game ended with a 2-0 victory for us — it's surprising how often that scoreline appears among Cup results — but we had only a few minutes to savour it before the broadcast draw for the Fourth Round informed us our next opponents were Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

First the Cup-holders, now the League Champions away from home!

As against Ipswich previously we held Derby until late on in the second-half when a certain Roger Davies — the first of the "Super Subs" — dealt us the killer blow.

'Crystal Palace took us to a replay'

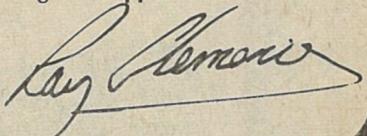
we found it impossible to rate seriously the challenge of a club that at the time lay in bottom place, 92nd, in the League.

Add to that knowledge, the fact we were playing at Anfield, and you'll appreciate our feeling of supreme confidence.

That Doncaster Rovers came from Kevin's home town should have warned us the result might not be a formality.

Within minutes Kevin had scored against them and things looked deceptively easy for us. Maybe we relaxed, but suddenly Doncaster came into the game, swinging the ball about and putting us under pressure.

They equalised, and before we





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Two players working wonders in Norwich City's defence

DAVID JONES — proving Brian Clough wrong

DAVID Jones, Norwich City's Welsh international defender, has something to prove... that he can play football.

The man he is determined to show that to is Brian Clough, manager of First Division newcomers, Nottingham Forest.

Clough discarded Jones shortly after arriving in January, 1975, telling him he could see little future for him at the club.

Jones, an £80,000 buy from Bournemouth the previous year, was shattered.

"I could not believe it," he says. "I had been with Forest for one season and things had seemed to be going fairly well."

Jones had moved to Forest when former manager Allan Brown was in charge. In his first season with the club he played 37 League games. Then Brown was sacked and Clough took over.

Jones did not fit in with Clough's ideas. "I felt so down I wondered if it was worth going on in the game," he says.

But then John Bond, Norwich City's boss and his former manager at Bournemouth, stepped in and offered Jones a chance at Carrow Road in the summer of 1975.

Jones jumped at the opportunity. He recovered from a close season cartilage operation and joined Norwich at a bargain £40,000.

The following year he made his debut for Wales, in a British Championship fixture against Scotland at Hampden Park.

"That was an unbelievable even-

ing," says Jones. "After all the events of the previous months, I was lining-up in a Welsh shirt."

Jones feels no bitterness towards Clough, but is proving him wrong.

On the opening day of this season Jones scored his first League goals for Norwich, hitting the net twice against West Ham at Upton Park.

Now he believes he is well on the way towards establishing himself as a regular at Carrow Road.

That has been a struggle. When Jones arrived at Norwich he made his debut at full-back — in a 5-2 away defeat against Newcastle in October of the 1975-76 season.

Then came the daunting task of replacing local hero Duncan Forbes at centre-half. Forbes had led Norwich to a League Cup Final appearance and to promotion in 1975.

"That was the most difficult part of coming here," says Jones. "Duncan was, and still is, an idol in Norwich. But the crowd have been fantastic to me and helped a lot.

"I am happier now than at any time in my career."

Following him around the country on his various moves has been his wife, Christine. "It gives her a look at the countryside!" says Jones.

Away from football David is a quiet man. He enjoys spending as much time with his family as possible.

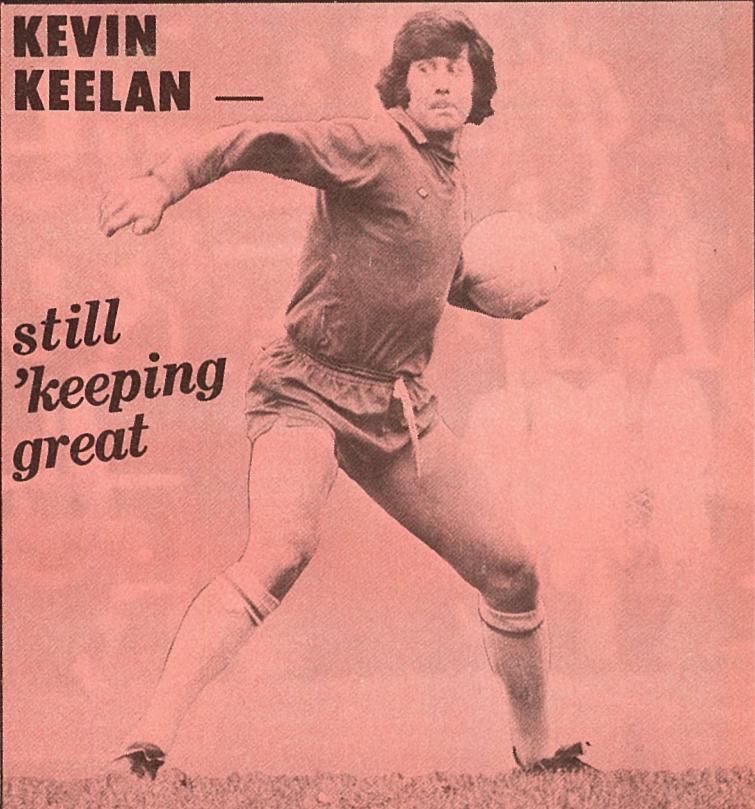
He relieves the tension of professional football by taking his wife and children Tracy (4) and Mark (2) for bicycle rides in the East Anglian countryside.

Jones' ambition is to become an established member of the Wales side.

Although Wales have Ian Evans of Crystal Palace when fit, Aston Villa's Leighton Phillips, Dave Roberts of Hull and Jones all challenging for two positions, Jones believes he is now good enough to command one of them.

KEVIN KEELAN —

still
'keeping
great



NORWICH manager John Bond makes no apologies for using a cliche to describe his goalkeeper, Kevin Keelan.

"Kevin is like a good wine — he matures with the years," says Bond. "I know it's not an original saying — but it's the best one I can think of to sum up his performances."

And when you consider Keelan is still in the First Division and producing the best football of his life — at the age of 36 — Bond's description seems particularly appropriate.

Keelan's form has been the talk of football this season. He has done superbly to help Norwich to the best start in their history at an age when most top-class 'keepers have been put out to graze!

Norwich fans, who have been quick to praise the part Keelan has played in the club's impressive run this season, will be delighted to hear him say there's a lot of football left in him yet.

"I've never felt better in my life," says Keelan. "I train hard, look after myself and see no reason why I should not go on for at least another five years.

"I was lucky enough to be born with good reflexes and agility. These are usually the first things a 'keeper loses as he gets older.

"I've been lucky enough to retain mine and the way things are going I don't even think about my career coming to an end."

Far from finishing his career Keelan will be starting another one next summer when he goes to play in America — with Los Angeles Aztecs his likely destination.

The Aztecs, who have pop star Elton John as one of their owners and George Best their star playing attraction, are one of four clubs

trying to woo Keelan across the Atlantic.

But they have made him the most attractive offer and seem certain to capture him.

"Playing in the States will be a tremendous thrill for me and I'm really looking forward to it," says Keelan.

Keelan flies off with John Bond's full permission, and good luck wishes.

"In the four years I've been at Norwich Kevin has been a model professional," says Bond. "He would not know what it is to cause trouble and is a manager's dream.

"He is never late for training, works hard in every session and sets a great example to all the youngsters at the club."

If Keelan's team are involved in the play-offs they have in America his return home will be delayed until AFTER next season's English League programme has started.

"John Bond has already told me that if that happens I could find myself fighting to regain my first team place when I eventually do get home," Keelan says.

"But I see that as yet another challenge for me to overcome and will be delighted to face it when the time comes."

Many people thought Keelan's first team days at Norwich were numbered when he was dropped for four games at the end of last season.

Keelan himself was not among them. He knew he had the ability to bounce back and has proved it with style.

Norwich are lucky to have had him around for the past twelve years. And the way he is playing they can look forward to seeing him around for a long time to come!



David Jones beats Aston Villa's Brian Little.

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Andy Gray (Aston Villa)
November 30th

Jimmy Nicholl (Man. Utd.)
December 28th



SHOOT EVERY WEEK!

IT'S F.A. Cup time again — the most exciting in soccer's domestic calendar.

The Third Round, which kicks-off this Saturday (January 7th), often produces the most sensational results.

Quite a few Cup favourites have been knocked out by the no-hoppers at this stage over the years.

Most footballers and fans look forward to the start of the F.A. Cup.

For players with little clubs it's probably their only chance to grab

some glory and limelight before returning to the soccer shadows.

A good performance in the Cup can catch the eye of a First Division manager and transform a player's career.

Before commenting on United's tussle with Carlisle United at Brunton Park, I thought I'd look back on the Third Round-ties I've been involved in since turning professional with Millwall in January, 1973.

I began life with The Lions a few days after they had beaten Newport County 3-0 at the Den in the 1972-73 competition.

I may not know anything about Millwall's Third Round match that year, but I certainly won't forget their Fourth Round tie against Everton at Goodison Park.

I remember journeying North with my new team-mates and staying overnight in a plush hotel on the outskirts of Liverpool. I'd never experienced anything quite like it in my life before.

Although Millwall were in the Second Division and surviving on gates of around seven or eight thousand we always travelled first-class. Nothing but the best for us.

You can imagine how I felt, a raw, starry-eyed kid suddenly elevated to the glamorous world of big-time football.

I didn't play, of course, but wish I had mainly because The Lions created a shock by winning 2-0.

The Millwall team that great day was: Bryan King in goal, Bryan Brown, Harry Cripps, Alan Dorney, Barry Kitchener, Dennis Burnett, Steve Brown, Gordon Bolland, Alfie Wood, Eamon Dunphy and Doug Allard.

'Arry Crippsie, and Woodie scored the goals which took Millwall into the Fifth Round and a match against Wolves at Molineux.

After that triumph at Everton we all expected the lads to win . . . but they lost 1-0.

The following season, 1973-74, I made my F.A. Cup Third Round debut against Fourth Division Scunthorpe at The Den.

My old pal Brian Clark and one of Tottenham's F.A. Cup Final heroes of 1967, Frank Saul, played alongside me that day.

Naturally I was confident of a good win and perhaps the prospect of going right through to Wembley. But Scunthorpe had the cheek to play well and hold us to a 1-1 draw.

Our manager Benny Fenton said there was no chance of us losing the

replay, but we did, 1-0.

I don't honestly recall much about the actual match, only the dismal journey back to London.

For two hours and more we all sat in total silence. I tried to brighten things up with a joke but was silenced by Alfie Wood.

In 1974-75 we were drawn against Bury at Gigg Lane in the Third Round — and I scored my very first F.A. Cup goal.

Bury were winning 2-1 when I was called on as substitute for Dougie

The next season, 1975-76, Millwall had to compete in the First Round because we had been relegated the previous term.

I'm sure the disappointment of that Cup-defeat at West Brom helped to knock some of the confidence out of us afterwards in the League.

But I'll never forget Millwall's First Round tie that season, although I never played, or saw them in action.

We were drawn against non-League Yeovil on their famous slop-

ing pitch, a ground that had claimed names more famous than Millwall's in the Cup.

Arsenal.

But my thoughts weren't really with United at Highbury. As soon as the game was over I eagerly awaited the results . . . to hear how Millwall had fared. They drew 1-1.

If I recall, they also drew the replay 2-2 and won the second replay 1-0.

I was hoping they'd progress to the Third Round and a tie against United, but The Lions lost to Palace in the next round after a replay.

United's Third Round victims a couple of years ago were Oxford United at Old Trafford.

We won 2-1, thanks to a couple of Gerry Daly penalties, but were much better value for our victory than the scoreline suggests.

Allard.

With almost my first touch of the ball I hit our equaliser.

We drew the replay 1-1 after extra-time at The Den in front of nearly 11,000 fans, one of our biggest gates of the season.

The second replay took place at West Brom, the first really big ground I had played on as a pro.

I was overawed by the vastness and atmosphere of The Hawthorns and promised myself to do well in front of the First Division managers and scouts I knew were in the stands.

Unfortunately, I had a stinker, so did the entire Millwall team. We lost 2-0 on a night when nothing seemed to go right.

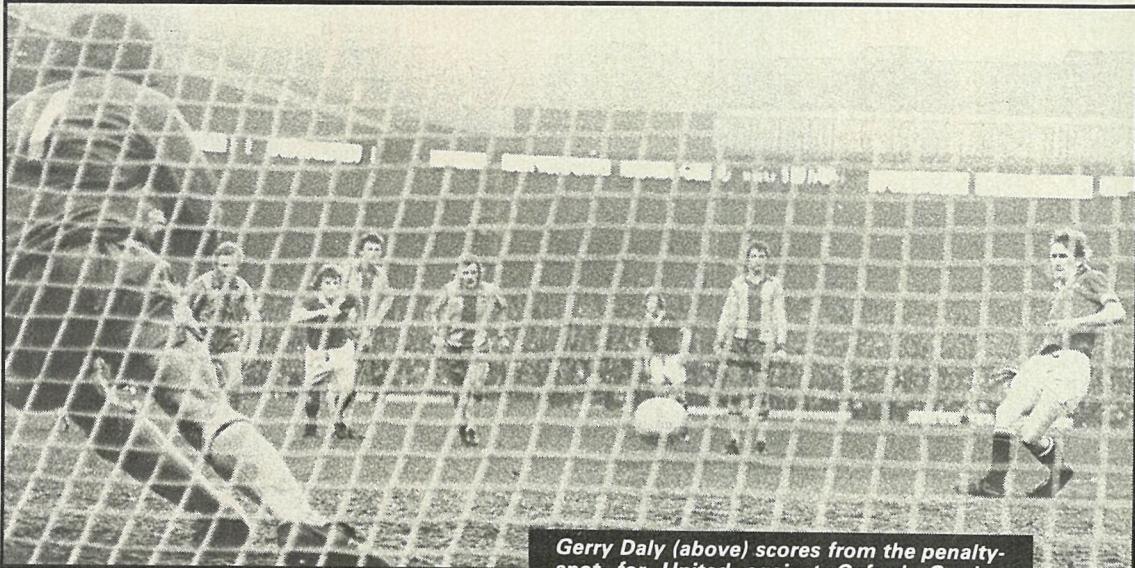
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The Wednesday before the match we were training on a local club's ground, which had a slope similar to Yeovil's, when the then-manager Gordon Jago called me off.

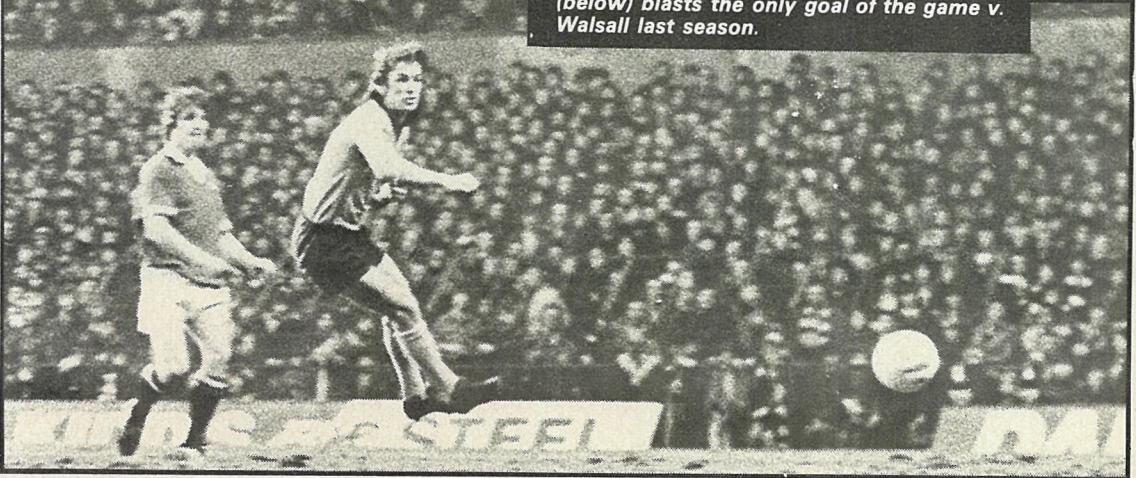
His face looked serious . . . I wondered if he was going to tell me I had been dropped from the Cup side.

As I reached the touchline, muddy and breathless, he whispered something to me that was to change my whole life . . . "Manchester United have been in for you and the board are considering their offer."

I was then told to get changed



Gerry Daly (above) scores from the penalty-spot for United against Oxford. Gordon (below) blasts the only goal of the game v. Walsall last season.



United went right on to Wembley that season, but lost to Southampton.

As you know Man. U. won the F.A. Cup last term, but our road to Wembley began in the Third Round and a tough tie against Third Division Walsall at Old T.

What a gallant fight The Saddlers put up. They were well worth a draw. However, my goal in the first-

half was the only score and United survived to go on to eventual glory.

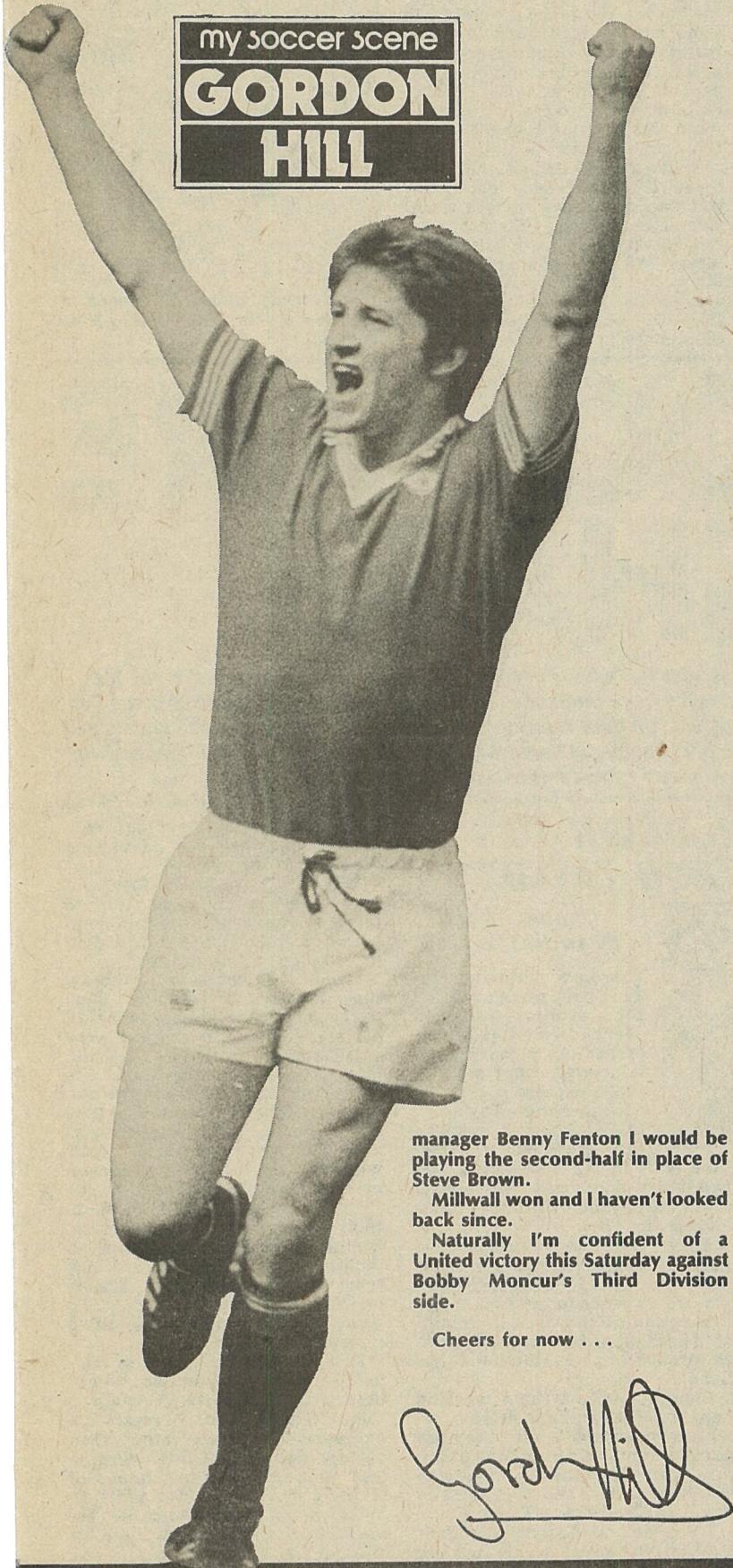
United's Third Round match at Carlisle this season will mean a nostalgic return to Brunton Park for me.

That's where I made my professional debut for Millwall back in April, 1973.

I had travelled North as substitute and was told at half-time by our

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL



manager Benny Fenton I would be playing the second-half in place of Steve Brown.

Millwall won and I haven't looked back since.

Naturally I'm confident of a United victory this Saturday against Bobby Moncur's Third Division side.

Cheers for now . . .

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This week's Star Letter comes from Jerry Clark of Shortlands in Kent who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

LACK OF COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE

GOOD luck to Ron Greenwood on being appointed manager of England. I'm sorry the F.A. didn't have the courage to choose the best man for the job — namely Brian Clough.

However, what sickens me more over this long-awaited appointment is the lack of confidence the F.A. have shown in giving Greenwood only a 2½-year contract.

In other words, if England fail to impress in the 1980 European Championship the F.A. then give a new man the job for the 1982 World Cup.

If the authorities have only limited confidence in Greenwood then this will surely be reflected by the team's performance on the field?

I say: give Greenwood full backing until 1982 and our football will reap the rewards.

It's a tricky situation. Greenwood is still unproven at international level even though he probably has the best qualifications for the job. The F.A. had cause to become disillusioned over the appointment of Don Revie, but I'm sure their reason for giving Greenwood a shorter contract is not because of that. If he does well — as we all hope and expect — the contract will be extended.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 14-year-old Swedish boy and I'd like to have a pen-pal who supports Manchester United.

MATS LIND,
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SWEDEN.

Tiny Reds

WE heard a lot about the "Manchester United midgets" so I decided to do some investigating.

I found the average heights of all the First Division teams and, sure enough, United were the shortest with an average of 5ft 9½in.

Manchester can also boast the tallest side, though, as City average 5ft 11½in.

The overall average in Division One, I found, was 5ft 10½in.

ANTONY ROBERTS,
HAWARDEN.

No doubt all teams are hoping to reach new heights during '78.

Watch Out For Wales

WALES have finally proved to the doubting Thomases that their 3-0 win against Czechoslovakia was no fluke. They thoroughly deserved their draw in Dortmund against World Champions West Germany, a real tonic for Mike Smith and his men after the World Cup disappointment.

The way Wales are playing now they're a match for any side . . . Scotland beware — we want revenge!

MICHAEL PRICE,
SWANSEA.



I'm sure Wales (above, dark strip), will push the Germans very hard in the European Championship.

Helpful Everton

WHEN Gordon Lee was named as Bell's Manager of the Month for November, he decided his success was due to the "spirit" throughout the club.

So he decided to share his whisky by making up 72 miniature bottles and having a ballot among season ticket-holders.

I was a winner and attended a presentation ceremony, held at Goodison Park where Mr Lee gave us our prizes.

We sat in the players' lounge and chatted about the club and Mr Lee couldn't have been friendlier, signing all the winners' bottles.

Afterwards, we stayed on to see Everton Youth v an England Youth XI free of charge.

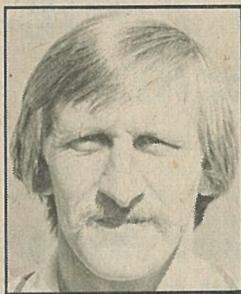
The evening was most enjoyable and provided us with an insight to our club.

It was a wonderful gesture by Mr Lee because it's much easier to be big-headed and keep all the rewards.

STEVE THOMAS,
LIVERPOOL.

Chances are there'll be more celebrations at the end of the season at Goodison Park — with champagne, most likely.

'THEY WON'T WIN LEAGUE'



Tommy Hutchison
(Coventry City)

IDON'T believe Forest have any chance of winning the League. When we met them at their place recently, we played them off the park. I felt they had two or three good players but, quite honestly, that was it. They might well finish in the top six by the end of the season but I just can't see them winning the title.

We lost that match 1-2 and were

dead unlucky — it was the best we'd played for ages. The pitch didn't help us at all — it was knee high in mud and wasn't at all conducive to our style of play.

The thing I felt about Forest was confidence was a big part of their game. When you're on top of the League and winning matches, you tend to find you're picking up points here and there even when you're not playing particularly well. Sometimes, confidence can get you a point or two and I think that's what has been happening with Forest.

There is undoubtedly only one way to play them. Go out and attack them, especially on their own ground. They weren't used to that and we had them in trouble. I think all teams are shaky at the back if you really attack them and Forest are no exception.

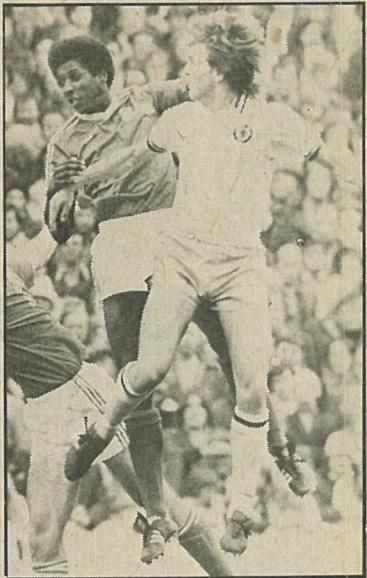
I feel they need strengthening in a couple of departments. They need a good full-back and also someone of a driving, dominating

personality in midfield. I thought their back two central-defenders did very well — Lloyd and Burns. Larry Lloyd used to be with us at Coventry and it was the best I'd seen him play for years although he recently received a bad injury.

Obviously, Clough's influence is very much part of the side. The players know if they don't do it for him they'll be dropped. Consequently, they're all trying to play the game of their life every week.

I believe the test for Forest will come if they get perhaps three bad results on the trot. If that happens and they come back and find their early-season form again quickly, I'll be prepared to really believe in them. It's always easier if you're right at the top of the table because the adrenalin is going. But if you're losing three or four on the trot and then have to face a top side, it can be very different.

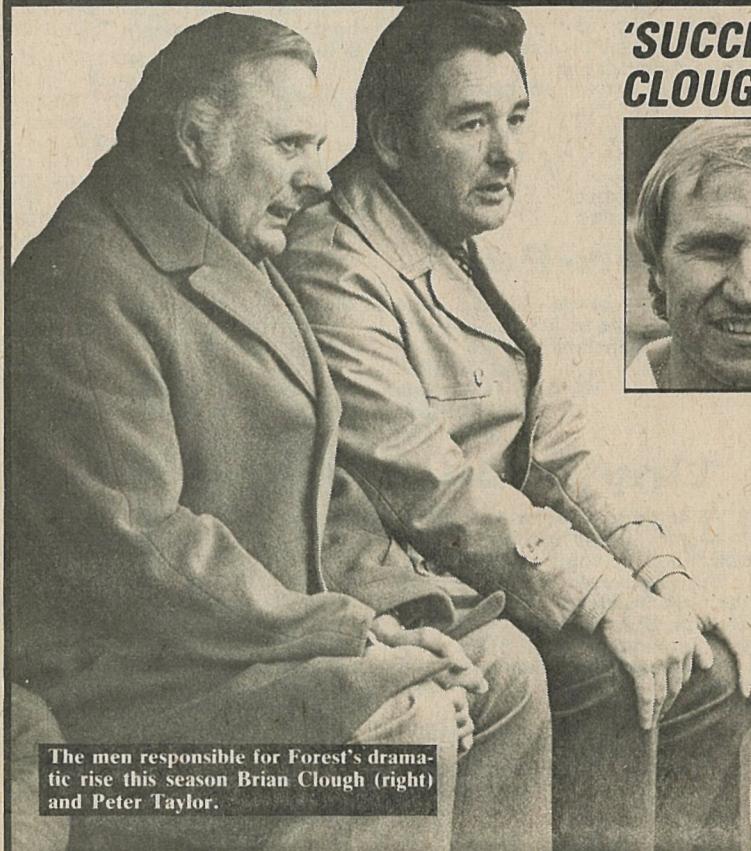
If Forest finish in the first six I reckon it'll be a good season for them. But judging on their form against us, I just cannot believe they will be celebrating the League Championship title next May.



Forest's black full-back Viv Anderson in a tussle with Aston Villa's John Deehan.

HOW GOOD ARE NOTTINGHAM FOREST?

This season, Forest have claimed the title of the 'surprise' team, the side who have far exceeded other people's expectations of them. Can they sustain their amazing title challenge? We asked those we believe are best qualified to answer this question of the moment: players who have faced Forest in the League since the big kick-off.



The men responsible for Forest's dramatic rise this season Brian Clough (right) and Peter Taylor.

'SUCCESS DOWN TO CLOUGH AND TAYLOR'



Dennis Tueart
(Manchester City)

I'M very surprised Forest have done so well. I think everyone expected them to blow up by this stage but it just hasn't happened. I put most of their success down to Clough and Taylor. I think Cloughie realised their deficiencies when they were in the Second Division and had probably done most of his changing around before they had a look at the First.

That was very professional because many managers of sides coming up tend to give those same players a chance in the First to see if they can do it. That's an admirable sentiment but maybe it's not as professional as Cloughie has been.

Clough has got them working hard together and has fitted them all into positions where they are getting the most out of each other. You can see the organisation within their side and that must be down to Clough and Taylor.

The style and the pattern of their play is their great strength. They

haven't any outstanding individuals but they are all playing well within the system.

We lost 2-1 at Nottingham but were the better side for 45 minutes. However, they kept coming at us and in the end it paid off for them they got a late winner.

I think they can stay up there if they don't get any injuries. They have only used about 14 or 15 players so far and that's a very small number for a First Division club. If they can keep much the same side going, I think they'll definitely qualify for Europe. And they could win a Cup, too, especially as they have got some useful experience of Cup football this season by doing well in the League Cup.

I think their success is undoubtedly down to the people in charge. Now it's up to them all to maintain it. But I can't see any team managed by Brian Clough and Peter Taylor simply falling away and losing everything they've worked for.

Possibly, they are weak in midfield — that's the one department they may need strengthening. I think O'Neill and Bowyer are enthusiastic players rather than players high on skill. But nevertheless, any side that has hopes of winning the title cannot afford to make many more slips — especially if Forest stay up there for another month or so.

'TEAM WORKED FOR EACH OTHER'



Paul Madeley
(Leeds Utd.)

We beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 at Elland Road — but I was very impressed by them. That match was a typical Cup-tie atmosphere: played at a hectic pace and with a tremendously high workrate by Forest. They were unlucky, too — they scored a 'goal' that was ruled out for marginal offside, but no one in our side was going to complain about it. If

that had counted, it could have turned the game.

I didn't think they had any particularly outstanding players in their side but the whole team worked for one another. Shilton looked virtually impassable in goal and the whole side were running and supporting and working — on and off the ball — in fine fashion. They looked pretty solid all-round but that fantastically high work-rate throughout the side was the thing that impressed me.

Robertson struck me as a fine outlet for them. He is a player who can take the ball, speed it up or calm it down and then take people on and reach the by-line. He is their dangerman but people shouldn't overlook the part Archie Gemmill is playing. He is well-known around the First Division and he's always liable to create goals.

But the day we played them, their best player was John McGovern, who was at Leeds for a while with Brian Clough. John wasn't very successful with us but

he played marvellously that day and put in a really top class performance.

I think they're very, very fit, they've got some solid performers and players who can do things to win a game. And they have a world class goalkeeper. Put that together, and you've got a pretty impressive line-up.

I don't think the heavy grounds throughout the New Year will affect them. Our ground was heavy and muddy the day we met them but it didn't seem to make much difference.

I don't know whether they have the strength in depth — that may be the only thing they lack. I wondered whether they were going to lose the momentum soon after we played them because they wavered a little in the following week or two. But they regained it and are still on a very high note. People are still talking about their 4-0 drubbing of Man. United at Old Trafford.

I believe they'll take some catching now and will certainly be there at the death.



John Robertson impressed Paul Madeley during a League clash at Elland Road.

'THEY'LL WIN A PLACE IN EUROPE'



Don Givens
(Q.P.R.)

IT'S the way Forest work for each other that impresses me more than anything else. They beat us at our place and played well. I don't think there are any stars in their side but they certainly show just what you can achieve if every player fits into the side and works for everyone else.

I feel Robertson, Woodcock and Withe have become very good players this season. They've all had a taste of scoring goals and that has meant one man hasn't

had to shoulder the entire burden for scoring.

Surprised they've done well? Of course. I think you've got to be if any team comes straight up from the Second and stays at the top of the First for week after week. But having seen them, I'm not as shocked as I was. They've got some skilful players.

The defence do a no-nonsense

job and the midfield is full of industrious players. The confidence which any successful side needs is still sky-high and that is helping them to stay the course.

To my mind, their greatest attribute is their willingness to work for each other. They're all prepared to run at people and take people on, too — and that's another big factor in their favour.

Will they blow up? I don't think that necessarily has to happen. After all, they've already gone nearly half a season without doing so. And they have a big advantage in having a boss who's done it all.

Clough knows what it takes to win League titles and he knows how managers and players react when the pressure starts to bite.

Personally, I don't think Forest will win the title. I still stick to my pre-season tip — Liverpool. There is a long way to go and a lot of time for their ultra-professionalism to shine through.

Forest can certainly win a place in Europe next season. And in their first term back that will still be a marvellous achievement.



Forest's strike force of Tony Woodcock (left) and Peter Withe.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, DEC 3

THIRD DIVISION (Continued)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Holmes)

SWINDON (0) 1 (McHale pen.) 4,541

Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Burrows, Layton, Marshall, Sheedy, Stephens, Briley, Davey, Holmes, Spring.

Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley)

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Bates) 4,551

Oxford: Milkins; Doyle, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

Shrewsbury: Mulhern; King, Leonard, Durban (Atkins), Griffin, Lindsay, Irvine, Hornsby, Maguire, Bates, Nixon.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

BURY (1) 1 (Stanton) 4,766

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Taylor, Foster, Craven, Megson, Graves (Horswill), Austin, Harrison, Rogers.

Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, McIlwraith, Rowland, Sudick, Robins.

PRESTON (1) 3 (Bruce, Elwiss, Smith)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp) 5,936

Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, Burns, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

Portsmouth: Figgins; Piper, Wilson, Denyer, Roberts, Ellis, Pullar, Kemp, Stokes (Foster), Mellows, Pollock.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Crawford, Stancliffe)

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Whittle 2) 5,105

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin (Smith), Womble, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Young, Goodfellow, Crawford.

Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Cegieski, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Wylde)

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Cook, Garwood) 9,000

Sheff. W. Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wylde, Bradshaw, Tynan, Porterfield (Fendergast), Hope.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Proggatt, Williams, Allinson.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (4) 4 (Dungworth 2, McGregor, Jopling)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Butler (Hooper), Dixon, Wooler, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Pilling (Heron), Czuczman, Cooper, Oates, Keeley, Wigg, Lumbay, Lee.

BARNESLEY (2) 4 (Little 2, McCarthy, Peachey)

READING (1) 1 (Kearns) 4,080

Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Brown, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Collier.

Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Sutton, Hiron, Earles, Nelson, Kearns (Williams), Cumming, Davies.

DONCASTER (2) 2 (Bevan o.g., O'Callaghan)

CREWE (0) 0

Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Robinson, Bowden, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Laidlaw, O'Callaghan, Bentley, Habbin (Snodin).

Crewe: Crugdington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

GRIMSBY (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Showers, Lennard)

3,767

Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Cumming (Donovan), Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Partridge, Drinkell, Ford, Brolly.

Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Cave.

NEWPORT (1) 4 (Walker, R, Goddard pen., Clark, Emanuel)

HARTELEPOOL (1) 2 (Ayre, Newton) 3,323

Newport: Plumley; Derrett (Jones), Bell, Emanuel, Walker (R), Aizlewood, Guscott, Clark, Goddard, Vaughan, Williams.

Hartlepool: Edgar; Smith (G), Wiggett, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (T), Linacre, Downing, Newton, Gaffney, Bielby.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Scaife)

SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Laverick, Parker) 1,020

Rochdale: Poole; Boslem, O'Loughlin, Morris, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Shaw.

Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Townsend, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Curtis, Lally) 5,500

NORTHAMPTON (0) 4 (Farrington, Liddle, Reilly, Christie)

Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Davis (James, A.), May, Charles, Lally, James (R), Curtis, Griffiths, Conway.

Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Bryant, Liddle, Robertson (Williams), Litt, Farrington, Martin, Christie, Lyon, Reilly.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Garner)

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Smith) 9,429

Watford: Sherwood; Joslyn, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Pollard.

Halifax: Genhoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Duley, Trainer, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Johnston.

YORK 0 TORQUAY 0 1,284

York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Toppling, James, Young, Taylor, Randall, Staniforth, McDonald.

Torquay: Lee; Twichin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Dunne, Tomlin, Lawrence, Darke, Brown, Coffill.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Robb 3, Strachan)

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Pettigrew) 9,500

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Strachan, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper (Fleming), Gibson, Robb.

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Ward, Miller (J), McLaren, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, Miller (P) (Purdie).

(Clydebank v Rangers; Dundee Utd v Ayr; Hibs v Celtic; Partick v St Mirren postponed.)

MONDAY, DEC. 5

F.A. CUP (First Round)

TILBURY (1) 2 (Smith 2)

KETTERING (1) 2 (Kellock, Phipps) 2,500



England star Tony Currie played a vital part in Leeds 1-1 away draw against Arsenal.

(First Round replay)

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Barton)

COLCHESTER (3) 4 (Dowman, Garwood 3)

2,230

Bournemouth: Baker, Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard (Paterson), Barton.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Proggatt, Williams, Allinson.

Swindon: Allan, Ford, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson (Cunningham).

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Dowman, Gough, Garwood)

EXETER (0) 1 (Holman) 4,267

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Wignall, Dowman, Williams, Leslie, Packer (Foley), Garwood, Gough, Proggatt, Allinson.

Exeter: Key, Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Roberts, Hatch (Jennings), Weeks, Kellow, Randell, Heale, Holman.

PORT VALE (2) 3 (Beamish, Smart o.g., Lamb)

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Austin 2, Horswill) 3,650

Port Vale: Connaughton, McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Dulson, Hemmerman, Lamb, Brownbill, Beamish, Bailey.

Plymouth: Barron, Smart, Uzzell, Harrison, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Austin, Horswill, Rogers.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP (second-leg)

LIVERPOOL (2) 6 (Thompson, McDermott 3, Fairclough, Dalglish)

HAMBURG SV (0) 0 34,931

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Heighway (Johnson), Fairclough, Case.

Hamburg SV: Kargus; Ripp, Nogly, Bertl, Hidien, Kaltz, Keegan, Keller (Steffenhausen), Zaczky (Eigl), Magath, Volkert.

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins)

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Nicholl, Richardson) 2,907

Shrewsbury: Mulhern; King, Leonard, Atkins, Griffin, Lindsay, Irvine, Hornsby, Maguire, Bates, Nixon (Loughnane).

Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Williams, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Young)

LEEDS (0) 1 (McQueen) 40,162

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

Leeds: Harvey, Reaney, Gray (F), Currie, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Cherry, Gray (E), Flynn, Graham.

ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Cowans, Gray, Gidman)

W.B.A. (0) 0 41,631

Villa: Rimmer, Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught (Cowans), Mortimer, Gregory, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.

W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cunningham (Martin), Cantello, Regis, Brown (A), Robson.

BRISTOL C. (1) 2 (Tainton, Gillies)

IPSWICH (0) 0 24,701

Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle (Mabbutt), Gillies, Whitehead.

Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne, Gates (Viljoen), Mariner, Whymark (Geddis), Woods.

(Barcelona won on penalties)

U.E.F.A. CUP (Third Round second-leg)

ATHLETIC BILBAO (0) 1 (Dani)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Mortimer) 39,000

Bilbao: Iribar; Lasa, Escalza, Tirapu, Astrain, Alesanco, Dani, Irureta, Carlos, Churruca, Aquirre.

Villa: Rimmer, Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Little, Gray, Gregory, Carrodus.

BARCELONA (1) 3 (Cruyff 2, Rexach pen.)

IPSWICH (0) 0 20,000

Barcelona: Artau, Macizo, Miquel, Olmo, Sanchez (Amarillo), Neeskens, Rexach, Fortes, Cruyff, Asensi, Zuviria (Clares).

Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne, Gates (Viljoen), Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

(Barcelona won on penalties)

F.A. CUP (First Round replay)

KETTERING (2) 2 (Kellock, Phipps)

TILBURY (2) 3 (Gray, Wallace C, Barnett) 2,580

LEAGUE CUP (Fourth Round)

WREXHAM (0) 2 (Lyons, Whittle)

SWINDON (0) 0 10,105

Wrexham: Davies, Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle, Cartwright.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Kelly)

DERBY (0) 1 (Hughes) 21,199

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Rose, Kember, Sims, Webb, Weller (White), Kelly, Samuels, Davies, Alderson.

Derby: Middleton, Langan (Hughes), Nish, Daly, Powell, Todd, Curran, Riach, Masson, George, Ryan.

MAN. CITY (0) 3 (Tueart, Owen, Channon)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 36,671

Man. C. Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Owen, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Want, Page (Dillon), Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Suggett, Peters)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Thompson) 24,983
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Paddon, Peters.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith (Johnson), Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Fairclough, Heighway, McDermott, Case.

NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 (O'Neill, McGovern)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Wallace) 29,823
Nott F.: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Robinson) 15,251
Q.P.R.: Richardson, Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Cunningham, James, Francis, Givens, Bowles, Wallace.

Newcastle: Carr, Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Martin, Burns, Cannell, Craig (T), Robinson.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Hales, Brooking)
MAN. UTD. (1) 1 (McGrath) 20,759
West Ham: Day, Lampard (McDowell), Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Curbisley, Brooking, Hales.

Man. U.: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, Coppell, Greenhoff (B), Houston, McGrath, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Grimes, Hill.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Carr)
CHELSEA (3) 3 (Walker 2, Langley) 16,400
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Patching, Daley, McAlle, Farley, Carr, Richards, Eves, Daly (Kelly).

Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (3) 6 (Jones (P) 2, Reid, Walsh, Whatmore, Morgan)

CARDIFF (2) 3 (Robson, Sayer, Bishop) 16,090
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne (Train), Greaves, Jones (P), Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Walsh, Reid, Worthington.

Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Giles, Sayer, Friday (Bishop), Robson, Buchanan.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Horton pen.)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Taylor) 22,339

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark (Potts), O'Sullivan.

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom (Gardner), Chapman, Young.

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Kindon)

CHARLTON (0) 0 9,439

Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Hall, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Noble, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Warman, Tydeman, Berry, Dugdale, Powell, Abrahams (Burman), Flanagan, Gritt, O'Sullivan.

C. PALACE (0) 2 (Cannon, Walsh)

NOTTS. CO. (0) 0 14,608

C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Nicholas, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Walsh, Silkman.

Notts. Co.: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Vinter, Mann (Smith), Hooks.

HULL (2) 2 (Dobson, Daniel pen.)

ORIENT (0) 2 (Roberts o.g., Kitchen) 4,279

Hull: Wealands; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Roberts, Nisbet, Haigh (Hawley), Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Glover, Mayo, Kitchen, Greasham.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Sharkey pen.)

BLACKPOOL (1) 3 (Hatton, Walsh, Ainscow) 6,975

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Morris, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Sharkey, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

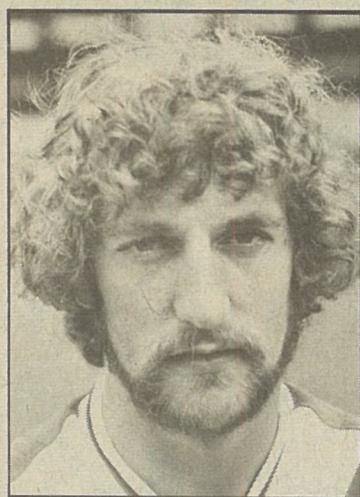
Blackpool: Ward; McEwan, Harrison, Ronson, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Tong, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.

MILLWALL (0) 0

FULHAM (2) 3 (Gale, Evans, Moore o.g.) 7,661

Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Tagg, Hazell, Chambers, Seaman, Cross, Pearson (Lee), Barrett.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Howe, Lacy, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evans, Margesson.



Jim Cannon scored C. Palace's first goal in their 2-0 home win v. Notts County.

SHIFF. UTD. (1) 2 (Woodward, Hamilton)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 17,888

Sheff. U.: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Stainrod, Campbell, Hamson, Hamilton.

Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Fazackerley, Waddington, Brotherton, Taylor, Wagstaffe (Mitchell), Parkes, Wood.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

LUTON (0) 1 (Futcher (R)) 19,907

Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Andruszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Neville (Heberberd).
Luton: Aleksić; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Jones, Husband, Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

STOKE (1) 3 (Richardson, Crooks, Kendall pen.)

BRISTOL R (2) 2 (Staniforth, Gould) 10,613

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Conroy, Richardson, Busby, Johnson, Crooks.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Gould, Williams, Powell (Hendrie), Staniforth, Barry.

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rowell pen.)

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Duncan 2) 31,960

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostron, Arnott (Elliot), Greenwood, Entwistle, Rowell.

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes (Armstrong), Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 3 (Tucker, Stanton 2)

OXFORD (1) 2 (Seacole, Foley pen.) 3,981

Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Robins, Rowland (Thomson), Suddick, Hamstead.

Oxford: Milkins; Doyle, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey (McGrogan), Duncan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Curran.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Biley 2, 1 pen, Finney)

SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 6,236

Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Buckley, Watson, Cozens, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

Sheff. W.: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld (Hinch), Johnson, Tynan, Porterfield, Bradshaw.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Parker)

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Palios) 3,990

Chesterfield: Letheran; Badger (Parker), Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Tatt, Fern, Simpson, Cammack, Heppolette.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow (James), Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

LINCOLN (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Westwood, Price) 3,902

Lincoln: Gordon; Neale, Leigh, Cockerill, Wigington, Crombie, Jones, Cox, Eden (Harford), Smith, Hubbard.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Knight, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

CHESTER 0 5,844

Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargeant, McEwan, Carmichael (Robson).

Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.

PORTRSMOUTH (1) 3 (Pollock 2, Kemp)

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Gwyther 2, Finney) 9,466

Portsmouth: Figgins; Piper, Wilson, Ellis, Hand, Denyer, Pullar, Ruggeiro, Kemp, Pollock, Mellow.

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Womble, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

SHREWSBURY 0

PRESTON 0 3,764

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Atkins, Griffin, Turner, Irvine, Hornsby (Nixon), Maguire, Bates, Lindsay.

Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, Burns, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

SWINDON (1) 2 (Moss, Stroud)

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Rafferty, Tait) 5,889

Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Lewis, Proffitt, Moss, Stroud, Gurhrie, McHale, Anderson (Carter).

Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Lathan, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley)

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Hutchins) 4,218

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Hynd, Serella, Evans, Robertson (Shelton), Bates, Wood, Buckley, Dennehy.

Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd, Fretwell, Middleton, Ratcliffe, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Whittle, Cartwright)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Sheedy) 8,813

Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

Hereford: Mellor, Emery, Burrows, Layton, Marshall, Sheedy, Stephens, Jefferson, Davey, Holmes (Proudlove), Spirig.

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Wales get revenge

As Wales is my favourite of the British soccer nations, could you tell me what happened when my country met them in the World Cup some years back?

HENRIK GARDE,
DENMARK

It was in the qualifying ties for the 1966 competition, Henrik.

On 21st October, 1964, Denmark won 1-0 in Copenhagen; then, in the return at Wrexham on 1st December, 1965, Wales got their revenge by 4-2.

But neither went through to the final stages; Russia qualifying from that particular Group.

Stoke's quick exit

As a keen Stoke fan, I'd like to know how they got on in Europe after they won the League Cup in 1972?

DAVID BOOTH,
WEST MIDLANDS

Not terribly well, David — they were eliminated from the U.E.F.A. Cup first-time-out.

Drawn against West Germans Kaiserslautern, Stoke won the home first-leg 3-1 with goals from Conroy, Hurst, and Ritchie.

But then they were beaten 4-0 away, to go down 5-3 on aggregate.

SHORT PASSES

Leeds' record win is 10-0 — v. Lyn Oslo; European Cup; 17th September, 1969.

GARY WYATT. Reading

Malcolm Macdonald's League clubs have been Fulham, Luton, Newcastle, and Arsenal.

FRANCIS DAVIS. Emsworth

The highest Norwich have ever finished in the First Division is tenth in 1975-76.

DEAN WOODS. Norwich

Denis Law played 81 League games for Huddersfield; 68 for Manchester City; and 309 for Manchester United.

JOHN MELVIN. Southport

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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HERE we go again! It's Old Firm time once more on Saturday (Jan. 7) when we meet Celtic on Premier Division business at Ibrox and I'm certain it will be yet another thrilling encounter.

People are already saying the Championship is as good as ours, but that's rubbish. No one at Ibrox is talking about being Champions. We'll wait until that trophy arrives ... the only time we'll admit Rangers are the title winners.

Don't mistake that for a lack of confidence, though. I feel sure we will eventually take the flag, but there is a long, long way to go yet. We will continue to take each game as it comes. We'll play Celtic on Saturday, try our best and then concentrate on the next fixture.

We won't be looking forward to any particularly tough-looking

being played.

There is an excitement building up even then. I don't eat a lot before a match. I might have a couple of eggs, but there are no steaks or such like for yours truly.

Do I still get nervous? You bet! I'm still as excited now as when I was a teenager playing in my very first match against our old Glasgow rivals.

The players in our dressing-room all react to the tension in different ways. Some can't stop talking, some tell jokes and others just keep their mouths shut. I try to talk to some of the younger players. Give them a word of encouragement and tell them to go out and play their normal game.

I know of one player, I'm not going to name him naturally, who used to keep going to the toilet.

The story goes the manager was halfway through a team talk before a match when the player excused himself, went to the toilet and the manager had to shout all the way through the rest of his plans until the player came back!

At around 2.50p.m. we will be lining up to go out on to the park. As skipper I am always first. I'll be standing at the door and already the chants and the songs will be coming down the tunnel. I don't know who will be the Celtic captain on Saturday. It may be Danny McGrain, if he is back from injury, or Andy Lynch, who has stood in for him as Parkhead skipper.

We'll probably walk out together and I'll tell him he has got no chance. He is likely to say something similar to me! Then it will be into battle for 90 minutes. Who is

going to win? I'm not the greatest at forecasting, but I am quietly confident we can take both points.

We have already taken three points from the Parkhead men this season and another couple would be welcome in our bid for the title. It won't be easy, but, then, soccer is that sort of game. Cheers for now . . .

John Greig
**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

'No such thing as a "FOUR-POINTER"'

match. That's a complete waste of time. Some of the games where you might be expecting to get it really hard just don't work out like that.

In a so-called easy fixture you might get some bad breaks of the ball and then you are struggling. We get two points for beating Celtic, the same as beating Clydebank or anyone else for that matter. Complacency in soccer is a killer and no one at Ibrox is guilty of being over-confident.

Manager Jock Wallace just wouldn't stand for that. If someone wasn't preparing for a match in the proper manner he would be out on his ear . . . and quite right, too. Any player like that would get no sympathy from me.

Some folk have been saying this is a "four-pointer" for both ourselves and Celtic. We want to stretch our lead over them and they want to catch up, but I stress there is no such thing as a "four-pointer" . . . you get two points, that's the maximum. In our next game with Celtic later in the season there will be another two points up for stake and there will be another battle for them. It's as simple as that.

Okay, what do I think of Old Firm games? The tension is quite incredible. I honestly do not believe there can be another game like it in the world. I accept that derbies between the likes of Arsenal and Spurs, the two Manchester clubs and even the likes of Feyenoord and Ajax in Holland can be fairly hectic, but I still don't think they can come anywhere near our clashes.

I drive through from Edinburgh on the morning of the match and even then there seems to be a mass exodus from Scotland's capital city. Everyone appears to be going to either Ibrox or Parkhead, wherever the game of that day is



Joe Filippi (hoops, Celtic) and Davie Cooper of Rangers clash during one of the Old Firm games this season.

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Northern Ireland, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? □ Show your allegiance!

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HEIGHT: 6ft 3ins

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PREVIOUS CLUB: Nottingham
Forest

MARRIED: Yes, to Liz

CHILDREN: No

CAR: Saab Combi 99GL Automatic

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Ray

Clemence

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Nottingham Forest

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All
strikers

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: At
Sunderland 1975 0-0

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning
promotion with Forest and winning
Little World Cup in Switzerland

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:
Leaving Forest after arrival of Peter
Shilton

BEST COUNTRY VISITED:

Switzerland

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fillet steak,
scampi

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Squash,
tennis, taking my wife for meals, going
home to see our families

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:
Horse racing, people who moan

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Happy
Days, Fawlty Towers

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Fleetwood
Mac, E.L.O., Roxy Music

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS:
Clint Eastwood, John Cleese, Lee
Remick

BEST FRIEND: My wife

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Alan Hill & John Sheridan
— both ex-coaches at Forest

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:

Injuries, long bus journeys, losing

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

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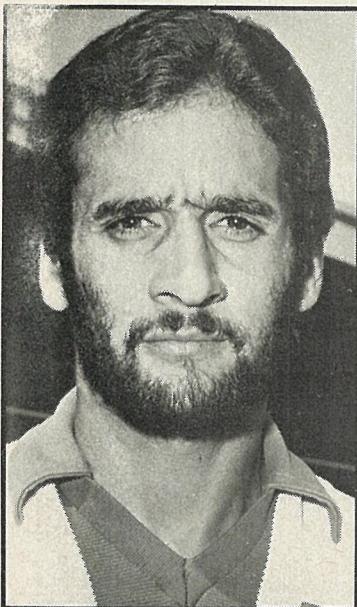
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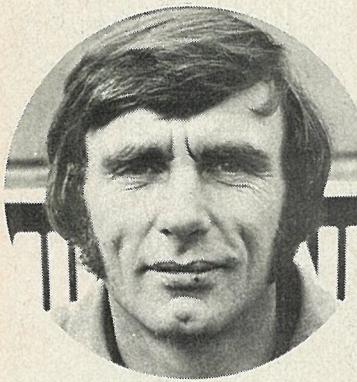


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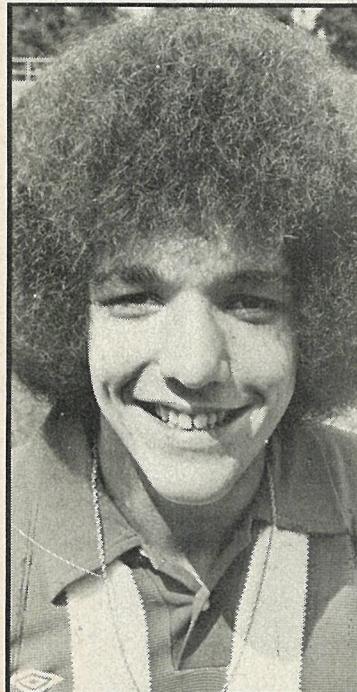
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PETER DOWNSBOROUGH



STEVE DOWMAN

EARLY indications are the Third Division is going to be as difficult as ever to win this year.

In each of the last two seasons there have been dramatic finishes, first Millwall going up at Crystal Palace's expense, and then Palace themselves sneaking up last term to deprive Wrexham who had been in the top three all season.

Now it seems the trend might continue with Wrexham again in the forefront, and the form of the North Wales side is reflected with the choice of two of their strikers in our Third Division XI.

Starting traditionally with the goalkeeper, we came up with the name of a man who has graced the Football League for nearly 20 years now.

Bradford City's PETER DOWNSBOROUGH has been in sparkling form for the past 18 months and rarely seems to make a mistake.

Although City are struggling after their rise from the Fourth Division, Peter has kept their heads above water so far with some magnificent performances, so he gets the jersey ahead of Exeter's John Key, Preston's Roy Tunks and Tranmere's Dick Johnson.

In front of him we've gone for a back-four which blends youth with experience.

At right-back no one has done better this season than Chester's NIGEL EDWARDS. A good reader of the game and one of the club's longest-serving players.

Worthy of mention in this position are Chesterfield's Len Badger, who unfortunately broke a leg recently, Gerard Keenan (Bury), Steve Emery (Hereford) and Phil Roberts (Portsmouth), all different types of player, yet all equally effective.

On the left we considered people like Oxford's Colin Clarke, Gillingham's Dave Shipperley, Peterborough's Chris Turner and Plymouth's George Foster, but in the end plumped for Chester's much-travelled BOB DELGADO.

Big Bob has played at a number of League clubs, but he really seems to have found his niche at Chester, and is having an outstanding season.

To join him as twin stopper, and also to cause a few problems in the opposing goalmouth at set pieces we chose Colchester's fuzzy-haired youngster STEVE DOWMAN who made such an impressive entry into the game last year.

Steve has acquitted himself well in the Third Division and helped Colchester make an impressive start to the season.

He got the vote over Rotherham's Paul Stancilffe, Trevor Howard, of Cambridge, and Paul Cahill of Portsmouth.

To complete the back-four our choice at left-back was Gillingham's highly promising GARY ARMSTRONG.

He is still in the early days of a Football League career but oozes

confidence and is obviously well endowed with skill.

On to midfield then and for his sheer contribution to any game we chose Swindon's RAY McHALE for one position.

Throughout his days with Chesterfield, Halifax and now Swindon Ray has been the most prolific goalscoring midfield player in the game, and he has already passed the 50 goal mark.

To balance McHale's attacking qualities and provide an excellent foil we've chosen BOB DOYLE, of Peterborough to give width and vision to the side.

Bob doesn't win many headlines, but he's a very efficient performer, with great talent.

The two of them could forge a fine midfield, though we're sad not to be able to include players of the calibre of Alan Durban, Mel Sutton (Wrexham) and Alan Sudick (Bury).

In a 4-2-4 formation we've chosen a front line that could pose a few problems for any side.

Raiding down the right would be Wrexham's BOBBY SHINTON who is scoring with great regularity at the Racecourse Ground and spearheading the Welsh club's promotion bid.

In his spells at Walsall and Cambridge Bobby often shone brightly for a few games, and then faded a little, but now he seems to have achieved consistency in his game, and wins the number seven shirt in preference to talented players like Colin Garwood, Steve Peplow, Jimmy Robertson, Richard Finney and Paul Crossley.

The strike force in the middle has to consist of Portsmouth's DAVID KEMP who is averaging almost a goal a game even in a shot-shy Portsmouth attack, and Wrexham's DIXIE McNEIL whose scoring touch has been sharpened if anything since his move from Hereford.

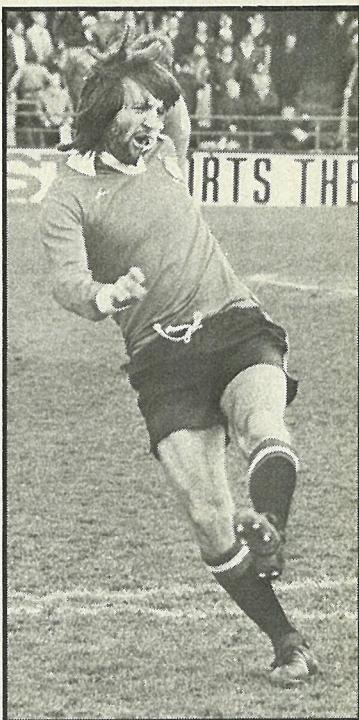
Kemp has been attracting a good deal of attention and may well be playing in a higher Division soon, while McNeil has always been the perfect Third Division striker.

The last spot in the side is more open. Dangerous left-wingers who can create and score goals don't grow on trees but we think we've found one in Rotherham's ALAN CRAWFORD.

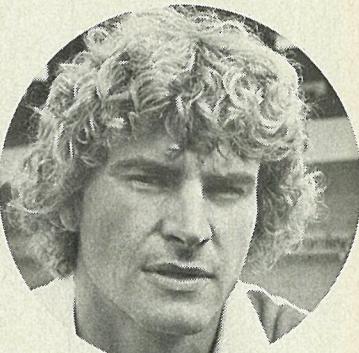
Slight concern at the moment is he is getting the majority of his goals from the penalty-spot, but Alan has proved in the past he is as good a winger as there is around in the Third Division at the moment.

The substitute in this side would have to be an all-rounder predominantly good in midfield, and to that end we selected Shrewsbury Town youngster IAN ATKINS, who is having a splendid season at Gay Meadow.

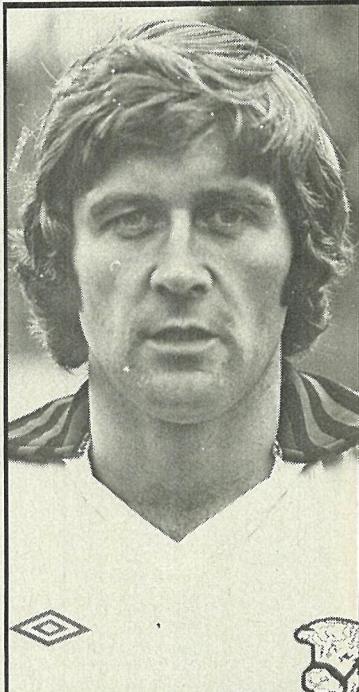
So our Third Division team is: DOWNSBOROUGH; EDWARDS (N), DELGADO, DOWMAN, ARMSTRONG; McHALE, DOYLE; SHINTON, KEMP, McNEIL, CRAWFORD. Sub. ATKINS.



BOBBY SHINTON



DAVID KEMP



DIXIE McNEIL

FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

YOUTH GETS THE VOTE



CHRIS LAWLER



GLENN JOHNSON



COLIN MORRIS

THE Fourth Division may be the bottom of the professional ladder but that doesn't mean to say there aren't some fine players in there doing a great job week in and week out.

Gone are the days when the Fourth Division was regarded as the graveyard for fallen stars.

Today it is the breeding ground for rising stars and when you remember that such international players as Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence, Nick Deacy, Phil Neal, Dave Watson and Kevin Hector have been plucked out of obscurity and gone on to fame and fortune, you'll realise the truth of that statement.

Who knows in this Fourth Division team of ours there may be a budding international of the future.

In goal I doubt whether Aldershot's **GLENN JOHNSON** has any great hopes of rising to such dizzy heights, after all, he's been around too long for that, but he does qualify for our side on the strength of his performances this season.

The **Shots** have been the surprise packet of the Fourth Division, and that's mostly due to a resolute defence in which Glenn has been a tremendous influence.

Barnsley's Peter Springett is another who brings his vast experience to bear every week, and of the younger 'keepers perhaps Southend's Neil Freeman is the most promising.

The right-back berth needed a great deal of thought with such as Dick Malone (Hartlepool) and John Fraser (Brentford), both F.A. Cup Final players in the last four years, in the running.

Steve Derrett of Newport will have some support, but in the end we came up with another old stager who has played at the very top level, Stockport's **CHRIS LAWLER**.

A move back to the area of the country he loves best has given the former Liverpool full-back a new lease of life, and Chris is even back on the goal standard, just like the good old days at Anfield.

Centre-half was not quite as big a problem.

In his days with **Sheffield Wednesday**, **Mansfield** and **Lincoln** **SAM ELLIS** of **Watford** built the reputation of being a tough, uncompromising defender who was also useful when it came to getting the odd goal or two.

Graham Taylor wasted no time in taking Sam from Sincil Bank to Vicarage Road when he moved there this season, and Sam has repaid his boss with some fine performances as Watford have gone to the top of the Fourth Division.

Partnering him in defence will be Aldershot's **JOE JOPLING** who rarely puts a foot wrong in his sweeper role. Strong in the air and a good tackler Joe has broken up many attacks this season and won widespread admiration for his cool play.

On the left of the back-four we plumped for Huddersfield Town's

former Torquay man PHIL SANDERCOCK.

In a side that has lost its way so far this season, Phil has shone like a beacon and his attacking flair is unfortunately going unrewarded.

His main rivals for the number three spot would be Southend's **Frank Banks**, **Wimbledon's Dave Galvin** and **Hartlepool's Derek Downing**.

The first of the midfield slots would be filled by **Reading's RICHIE BOWMAN**.

This diminutive, fair-haired ex-Charlton player has added pep and variety to **The Biscuitmen's** side, and **Reading** have got themselves to the fringe of the promotion area.

He would have as his chief ally **Stockport County's** youthful player-manager **ALAN THOMPSON** who has shouldered responsibility extremely well at Edgeley Park, while not allowing it to affect his own form.

Formerly with **Sheffield Wednesday**, **Thompson** has always been a good player, but now he seems to have extra motivation and this has helped him no end.

Southend's COLIN MORRIS gets in because of his fast, direct approach play, which has made him a firm favourite at Roots Hall in the year since he was signed from **Burnley**.

Colin has impressed with his style and attitude to such an extent he may find himself back in the First Division with another club before long.

Next name on the team sheet though is that of another **Watford** player **KEITH MERCER**.

A consistent goalscorer over the past 12 months he has combined extremely effectively with Alan Mayes and Ross Jenkins and we reckon he'll be rewarded with a Fourth Division Championship medal at the end of the season.

We've chosen **Swansea's** Welsh international **ALAN CURTIS** to play alongside him and after the start he's made to the season that can hardly be a surprise.

Curtis is probably the most wanted striker in the Fourth Division and if **Swansea** don't make promotion this time they'll probably find it hard to hang on to their hot property.

The Number 11 spot goes to **Brentford's STEVE PHILLIPS** who has taken over from **Gordon Sweetzer** as the main marksman at Griffin Park this season.

Steve often looked good in his days at **Northampton**, and he's looking even better now.

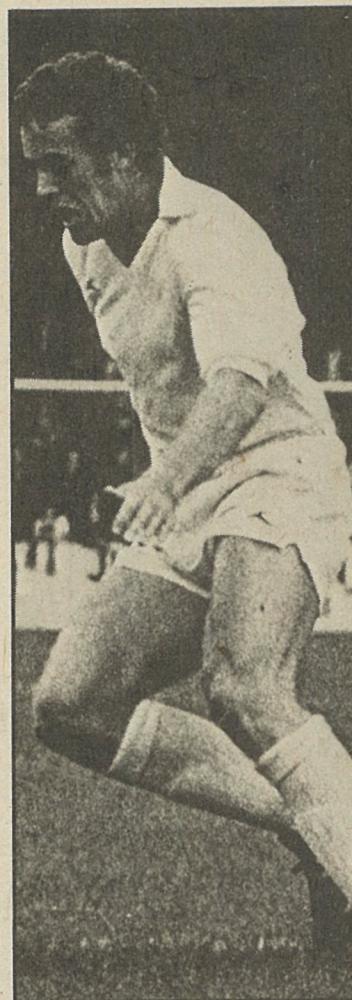
As substitute we like **Bournemouth's FRANK BARTON** who edges **Huddersfield's Kevin Johnson** out of the spot.

That's it then and our full team: **JOHNSON, LAWLER, ELLIS, JOPLING, SANDERCOCK, BOWMAN, THOMPSON, MORRIS, MERCER, CURTIS, PHILLIPS**. Sub. **BARTON**.

We hope you've enjoyed our series, and no doubt it's set you off thinking about your own top teams.



RICHIE BOWMAN



ALAN CURTIS



KEITH MERCER

What do you know about the police?

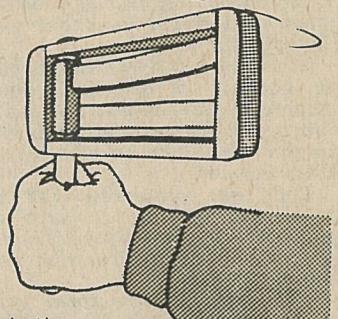


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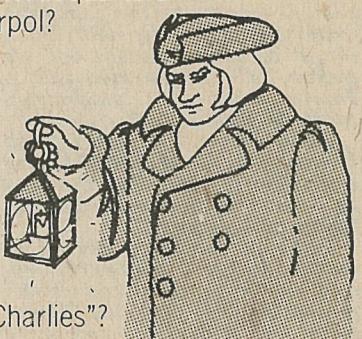


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CAN ST. MIRREN KEEP BOBBY REID, THE SCORING STOPPER?

IVERPOOL'S exciting young Scot Alan Hansen may still have been a Partick Thistle player today if it wasn't for St. Mirren manager Alex Ferguson.

The European Champions were reputed to be interested in the Love Street club's giant centre-half Bobby Reid, but boss Ferguson told them there would be no moves from the Paisley side until the end of the season. The Saints' boss was emphatic.

Fergie wanted his club to consolidate a place in the Premier Division before they even thought of selling any of their top youngsters. Liverpool realised Fergie wasn't just trying to up the price or force them into an auction and they took their interest elsewhere.

They watched Partick Thistle's versatile defender Alan Hansen and decided to splash out £100,000 on him instead. Hansen has been a hit on Merseyside, but Reid must wonder about what might have been.

The tall centre-half is in no hurry to leave St. Mirren or Scotland, however. He says: "I am halfway through my law studies and I would like to complete them before contemplating a move.

"I think it is always good to have something to fall back on when your playing days are over."

Reid, in fact, recently played against Liverpool when the Anfield side came to Love Street to play in the Paisley club's centenary celebration match. It was an exciting tussle watched by 20,000 fans. It ended in a 1-1 draw with Kenny Dalglish scoring for Liverpool and Billy Abercrombie, another Saints' starlet, netting the equaliser.

The game had to be decided so it went to a penalty-kick showdown ... and Bobby Reid missed the vital one which gave Liverpool a special trophy!

Just before Reid's penalty, English international goalkeeper Ray Clemence had made a magnificent flying save from an effort by the much-wanted Frank McGarvey. Then Jimmy Case took one for Liverpool which was brilliantly parried by Ally Hunter.

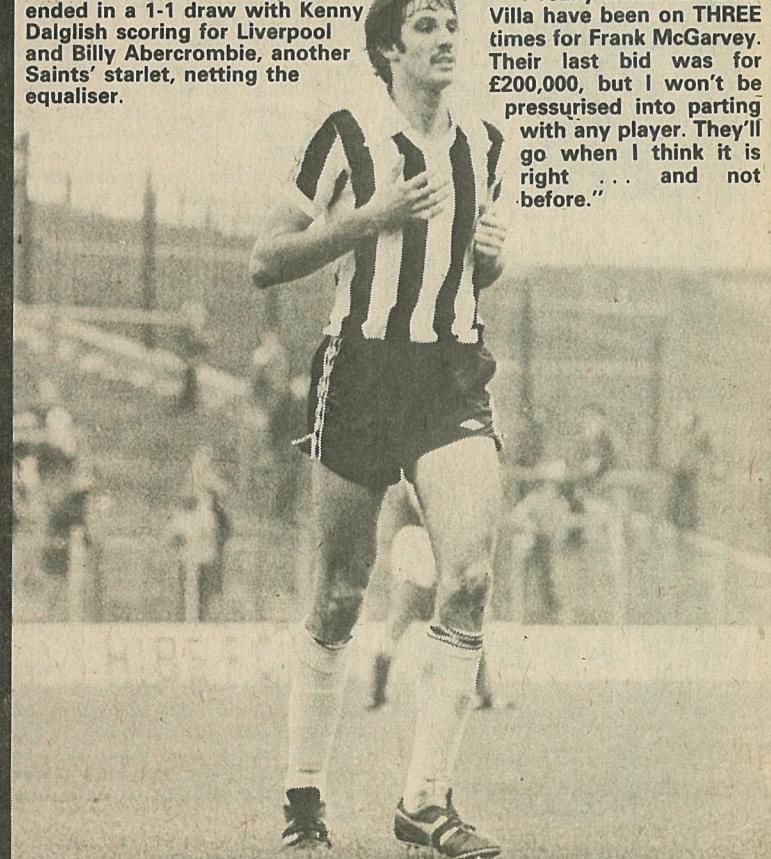
Reid was given the crucial penalty and he hammered it high towards Clemence's right hand post. Clemence somersaulted across his line to fist the ball to safety. Liverpool scored with their next effort and the trophy was on its way to the already-crowded silverware room at Anfield.

The no-nonsense Reid still gets his share of the goals, though. He has already netted with some valuable efforts to bring precious Premier points to the club.

"I encourage Bobby to go up with his forwards," says Ferguson. "He is tremendous in the air and can put pressure on defenders. He's scored some brilliant goals with great shooting."

Ferguson realises he will be lucky to hang on to a player of this immense talent when the big cheques are being waved around. He says: "We need money for improvements to our ground, but, like I have said before, no one is leaving this club until the end of the season at least.

"I really mean it. Aston Villa have been on THREE times for Frank McGarvey. Their last bid was for £200,000, but I won't be pressurised into parting with any player. They'll go when I think it is right ... and not before."



WILL ARTHUR DUNCAN'S GOAL KEEP HIBS IN THE TOP TEN?

IT won't go down in history as one of the most spectacular goals, but the Hibs' players danced with the same joy that might have followed a brilliant solo goal or a memorable piece of individualistic magic.

Bobby Smith crossed the ball over from the right and Bobby Hutchison hit it towards goal. Ayr United 'keeper Hugh Sproat had the shot well-covered, but he fumbled the ball and in rushed Arthur Duncan to scramble it over the line.

That score was the only goal of that particular League match at Somerset Park this season, and by the end of the programme it may well be the effort that keeps the Easter Road men in the Top Ten.

Duncan's goal put Hibs on top of Ayr in the League with 12 points from 16 matches. Ayr dropped on to the 11 point mark with the same amount of games played. Clydebank were firmly entrenched at the foot of the table — four points adrift of the Somerset Park club.

Defeat against Ayr was unthinkable and Hibs knew it. They had already lost to Alex Stuart's part-timers at Easter Road earlier in the season in a game that highlighted their flaws, the same errors which have been haunting them all term. They had taken the lead with a ridiculous own-goal from Bobby Tait, but Ayr hit back to equalise.

Then Ally Brazil, taking over the role in which John Blackley had served so well before his £100,000 move to Newcastle, tried to walk the ball out of defence. He was dispossessed and Ayr scored their winning goal.

Hibs realised that failure at Somerset Park would have meant they would be staring relegation right in the face. They knew they could follow their Edinburgh rivals Hearts into the First Division. Hearts were in the same position

going our way this season. I know it's easy to say that, but, as so often happens, when you are struggling you just don't get the best of fortune.

"Everyone says Hibs' rightful place is in the Premier, but we must fight to stay there. It is no one's absolute right to a place in the Top Ten. We are all under fire."

Pressure in the Premier Division is extreme. One manager put it this way: "It's awful. You can be doing quite well, then lose, say, three games in a row. Suddenly you are bang in trouble.

"When you are sixth from the top of the League you are still only fourth from bottom! It's murder when there is a strain like that on you and your players."

Ironically, Duncan might have been thinking of a Championship medal this season instead of fighting to remain in the top flight. Rangers were interested in him, but a reported bid of £50,000 was turned down and they switched their interest to Clydebank's Davie Cooper.

The Ibrox men paid double and got Cooper, but Duncan says: "That's football, isn't it? You never know what is before you."

Those words must echo round Easter Road at the moment as the team struggles to keep from getting swept away on the relegation tidal wave.



last season, but everyone expected them to pull away before it was too late.

Instead they took the drop for the first time in their 103 year history. Hibs had been warned.

"I was delighted to see that one go in against Ayr," said inter-

national left-winger Arthur Duncan. "That win took a little pressure off us and it was certainly appreciated.

"Things haven't really been

WILL THE 'CLYDEBANK CLIMBERS' LAST THE PACE?

CLYDEBANK manager Bill Munro must be fed up with people telling him: "We told you so."

When the little Kilbowie Park club climbed from the Second Division to the Premier in successive years the critics said they would never last the pace in the Top Ten.

"Too much, too soon," was the general acceptance, but Munro says defiantly: "Clydebank are a Premier club at the moment and that's the way we want it to stay. We won't admit anything until it is mathematically impossible for us to stay in this Division."

The players echo the sentiments of their boss. If courage brought points, Clydebank wouldn't be at the bottom of the Division, but no one at Kilbowie is ready to admit defeat.

It is a friendly little club where they try to entertain the fans. The pitch is tight and The Bankies use it to their full advantage. They like to play with wingers. They groomed Rangers' outside-left Davie Cooper for stardom and really hit the big-time when they received £100,000 for him from Ibrox.

There are other talented players at Kilbowie. Striker Mike Larnach, for instance. He has been a consistent goalscorer in all three Divisions. He has the knack of being in the right place at the right time, and it is no surprise to find Arsenal have been taking more than a passing interest in his ability. There will be no bargains from Clydebank, however.

Joe McCallan, too, is a consistent scorer who has been attracting attention. Clydebank, formed not that long ago, may be comparative boys among men, but they are learning fast and they are

getting used to soccer among Scotland's elite.

They want to think big. In fact, manager Munro has enlisted the help of former Danish international goalkeeper Erik Sorensen to coach his goalkeepers Jim Gallacher and Colin King.

Sorensen, ex-Rangers and Morton, has always thought Scottish goalkeepers have had natural ability, but he wants to teach them the technical side of their trade. "You can see an improvement in the play of both Jim and Colin," says Munro. "They are playing with new confidence and that's good to see."

"Erik has done a great job with them. There will be a steady improvement throughout the season and that will help us in our fight."

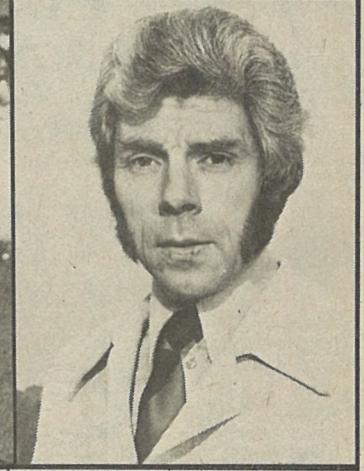
Gallacher, a huge favourite with the Clydebank fans, has been fairly consistent throughout the season and had an outstanding game against Aberdeen when The Bankies shocked Billy McNeill's side with a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie.

"We hit him with everything that day," says one Dons' player. "We got one past him, but that was all. He was quite incredible. High shots, low shots, well-placed shots . . . you name it and he was saving it. He earned his side that point."

Gallacher has been on the receiving end of a lot of pressure this season, but he enjoys it. He says: "I'm a goalkeeper paid to keep out goals. That's my job and it's always good to be involved. I see plenty of the action and that's the way I like it."

Clydebank may be down, but it appears to be far too early to start the count . . .

Jim Gallacher (left) has been in fine form this term for Clydebank. Manager at Kilbowie is Bill Munro (below).



I WELCOMED the recent news that in the not too distant future we shall probably be seeing Continental players in the Football League.

While talks are still in the preliminary stages, it seems fairly certain the bar on foreigners will be lifted and European stars will be coming our way.

Perhaps we should have taken such a step sooner simply to keep us in line with most of the other Euro powers.

My only reservation is whether the top stars would want to play in Britain. I'm sure everyone here would welcome the household names of West Germany or Holland . . . but how would they feel about joining an English club?

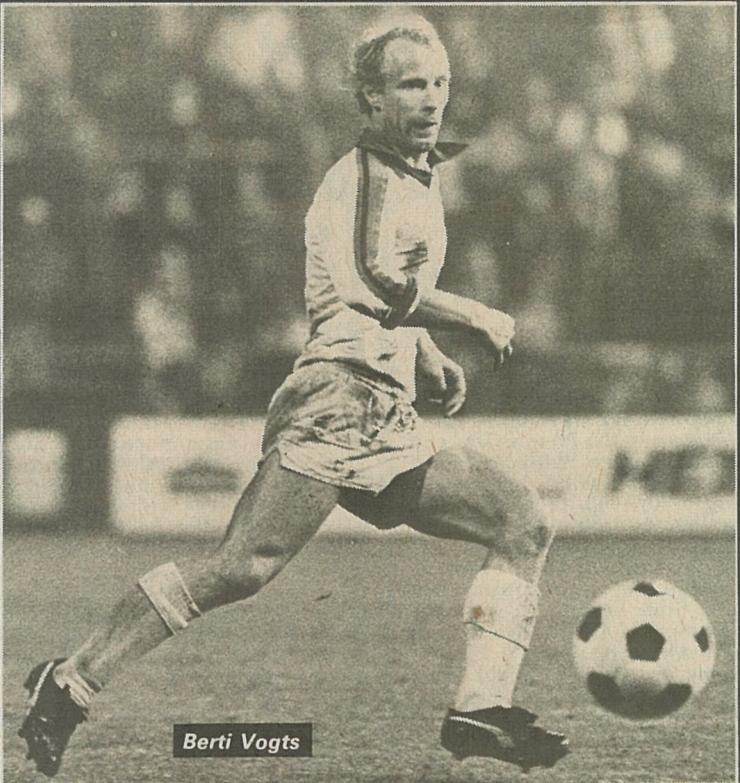
The pay on the Continent is much, much better than here and our tax system so crippling most of what we DO earn goes to the government anyway!

The Continentals beat us both ways here — more money and less tax.

I think some of the more established European stars, who have made a fortune out of the game, could be tempted to play here to prove themselves in a very competitive environment.

Players around the 30-mark — such as Berti Vogts or Gerd Müller — who are still top-class stars but with around ten years' money-spinning soccer behind them don't have the need to earn fantastic sums quite so much now.

If our rules are changed, I'd prefer to see a restriction on overseas



Berti Vogts

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

players — say, a maximum of two per club. Overall, I see the switch as one that could give our soccer a breath of fresh air.

I'd look to the foreigners for variation and new techniques, although I'm certain most would find it hard to adapt to our game at first.

They'd find the training and pace of the game much harder and faster than they're used to.

This is why I feel players from countries such as Spain and Italy — with their Latin temperament — wouldn't fit in as well as those from Holland or Belgium.

Also, these countries have a similar social environment to our own which would help the players settle down.

I've noticed from playing in the U.E.F.A. Cup this season how much slower the pace of the game is abroad. We've played teams from Turkey, Poland and Spain and all three opponents found our faster style a problem.

The Europeans who came here would have to find a way to use their skills within our set-up. It can be done, but it'd take time.

It would be a big jump for any "outsider" to come into our League, young or old, known or unknown. A good start would be vital, as it is anywhere.

If, for instance, a young Swede made a good impression during his first dozen or so games, he could go on to become a fine player, whereas a disappointing beginning could set him back.

I wouldn't mind playing alongside a foreign star. If he benefited Villa and made our team stronger, then everyone would accept him.

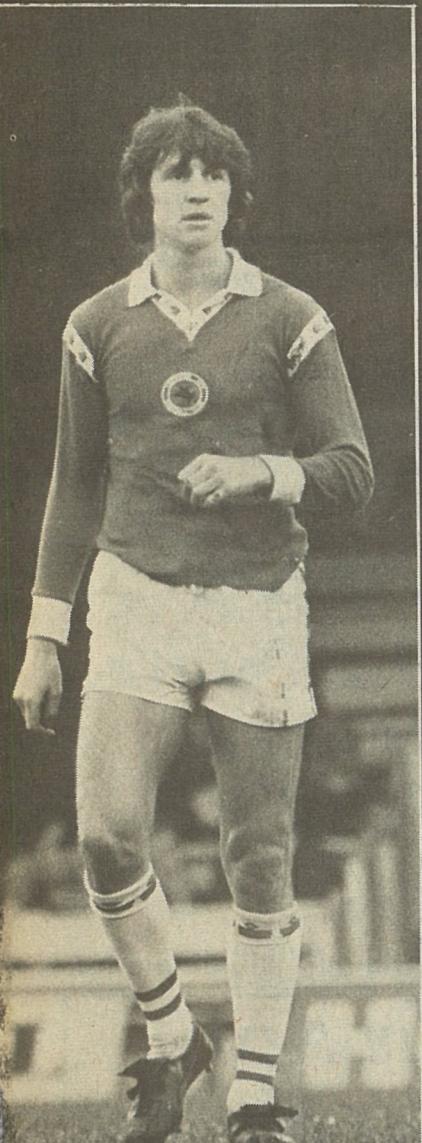
A problem could be when a Continental takes the place of a home player very popular with his teammates. Resentment may creep through.

Yet in football there is no room

'I'd like a foreign team-mate'



"Teams like Athletic Bilbao play the game at a slower pace."



Roger Davies is glad to be back from Bruges, while Kevin Keegan seems to have his problems despite playing well in Hamburg.

Everything depends on the individual, some players adapt better than others, but there could be second thoughts all round during 1978 about our players going abroad.

While I'd welcome foreign players, I'm not keen on the idea of European managers coming here. This is a completely different proposition, and one that could cause far more problems.

The whole European system for team-bosses is so different. Here, the manager is in charge of just about everything, on the Continent the coach is responsible for the team only. All other matters are dealt with by directors, business managers and so on.

For a foreign coach to adapt would be difficult and I wouldn't really fancy playing under a foreign boss, although perhaps a coach — as we know him — from abroad would be beneficial.

Again, he could bring new ideas and working under a British manager may bring out a combination that proves to be a winner.

Arsenal came very close to appointing former Real Madrid boss Miljan Miljanic as their manager a couple of years ago. I'd have been very interested to have seen how that worked out.

The problem is a player must be able to communicate totally with his manager and this would possibly be more difficult with a boss from abroad. With a foreign team-mate, the main concern is communication on the field where the "language" is universal.

This Saturday (January 7th) sees the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and the draw wasn't exactly kind to us, pairing us with Everton at Goodison Park.

We had three tremendous tussles with Everton last season in the League Cup Final before Brian Little's last-gasp goal in the second replay won the honours.

Everton will, of course, be anxious to gain revenge for that defeat and Saturday's game promises to be a cracker as most of our best matches this season have been in Cup competitions.

When we played Everton last season I was marked by Ken McNaught, but Ken is now a Villa man and he'll be keener than anyone to see us in the Fourth Round draw.

See you in a fortnight,

"Roger Davies is glad he's back in England with Leicester."

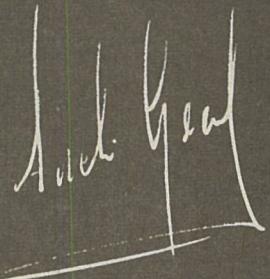
for such emotion. It's every man for himself and if you're dropped . . . it's a fact of soccer life.

The team must always be the main priority and in this respect friendship takes second place. Even now, you often have close pals challenging for the same position so a professional outlook is needed.

However, as I said, we must never let foreign stars take over as they have to a large extent in cricket. There are so many overseas players in the county sides English players are being restricted . . . and not all these foreign stars are great cricketers.

One or two only per club would be a well-timed change just now.

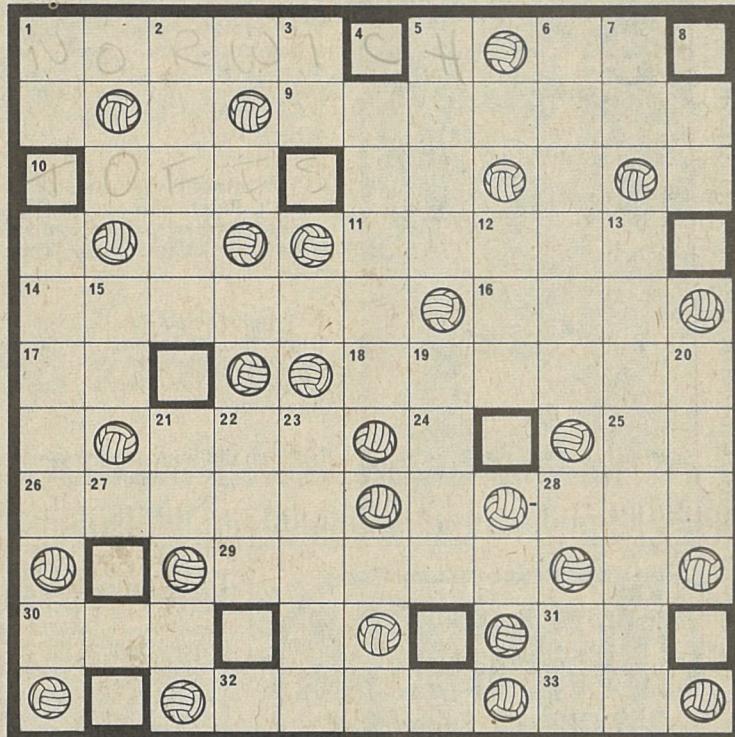
Turning the situation the other way round, we could see fewer British stars going abroad. The Continentals will always want the cream of the League, yet so far none of our recent "exports" has really hit it off abroad and European clubs may have second thoughts about spending their money over here.



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Manchester United winger.

Answers on page 38



ACROSS:—

- (1) — City are nicknamed The Canaries.
- (6) B--h-ad Park (Dumbarton). Reverse the missing letters for "self".
- (9) Mike —, former Southampton striker.
- (10) The —, Everton nickname.
- (11) -anc-e-t- Cit- (from Maine Road). Poetry types made from the missing letters.
- (14) Scottish Division Two club from Station Park.
- (16) Reversed surname of Everton manager Gordon —.
- (17) Northern ---land finished bottom of 1976-77 British Championship table.
- (18) — and green. Colours of 1 Across.
- (21) Stuart P---son of Manchester United.
- (24) M-irton -ark, ground of St. Johnstone.
- (25) Tori--; famous Italian club.
- (26) Treat evasively.
- (28) -r-ntina. Venue for the 1978 World Cup Finals.
- (29) — Stadium, home of Rangers.
- (30) Steve —, Leicester City striker.
- (31) Ted B---s former manager at Southampton.
- (32) "Otherwise" found in Chelsea.
- (33) The Ha-m-rs from Upton Park.

DOWN:—

- (1) Informed — of team selection, for instance.
- (2) Controlled the match as an official.
- (3) Pat R--- (Arsenal) needs something cold.
- (4) Trevor —, Leeds United midfield player.
- (5) Take four letters from "The Shay" for a meat dish.
- (6) Du-f-r-line -th-atic (Scots Div. Two). Glossy paint from the missing letters.
- (7) -i-act- Facchetti, Italian international.
- (8) -c--th-rpe United (Eng. Div. Four). Reverse the omissions to give "burden".
- (12) Ga-fi-d-ark, Arbroath F.C.
- (13) Lengthen or extend.
- (15) Terry Y---ath skipper of Coventry City and Wales.
- (19) A number of British clubs are now called upon to play in —.
- (20) --iv-s cannot do without troubles!
- (22) Quick-moving or nimble.
- (23) Fi---t Str--- (Leicester City). Show opposition from the omissions.
- (27) Kennington — was the venue of the very first F.A. Cup Final in 1872.
- (31) Sam Bartr-- kept goal for Charlton Athletic 613 times.



compiled by John Pyke

DUNDEE United are a club who have more than held their own in the tough competition of the Scottish Premier Division. There is a wide gap between the top and bottom clubs in Scotland, and a place in the Premier is vital to United.

So United supporters can feel satisfied as their club finished fourth in the 1976-77 season and won a place in this term's U.E.F.A. Cup. But despite holding a 1-0 first-leg lead, United crashed 3-0 to K.B. Copenhagen in Denmark and so departed in the First Round.

However, under manager Jim McLean, Dundee United have again played entertaining football as the club ensure their place in the Premier.

Boss of the Tannadice Park club is Jim McLean (right).



DUNDEE UNITED

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; Records are for the 1976-77 season only).

DEREK ADDISON: Midfielder signed from Lochee Un. in 1973. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— 6 and 7 sub.

JOHN BOURKE: Striker signed from Dumbarton in 1977. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.11. L. App:— Dumbarton 35. G:— Dumbarton 19.

DAVID DODDS: Striker who had an impressive debut by scoring twice. Signed from Hillside B.C. in 1973. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 10.13. Did not play for the League side in the 1976-77 season.

GEORGE FLEMING: Midfielder signed from Hearts in 1972. Hard working ball winner. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— 28 and 3 sub. G:— 1.

PAUL HEGARTY: Versatile player who can play well in defence or attack. Signed from Hamilton in 1974. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 36. G:— 6.

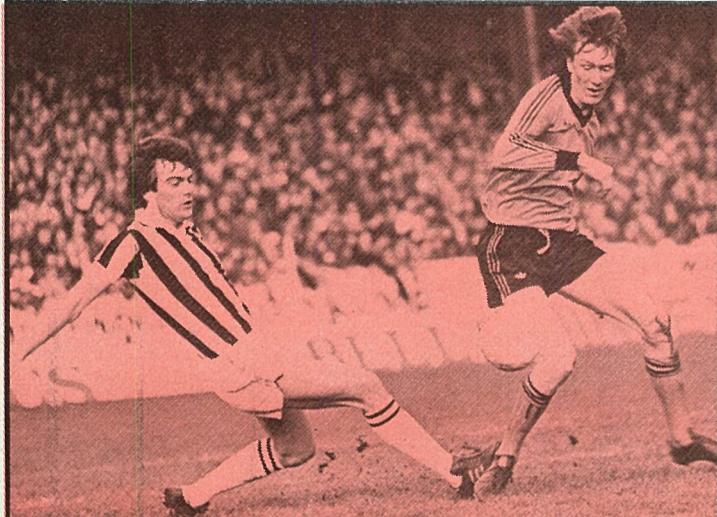
JOHN HOLT: Strong tackling defender signed from school football in 1972. Born Dundee. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 4 and 4 sub.

BILLY KIRKWOOD: Striker who was signed from Cornbank B.C. in 1975. Among the goals this season including a hat-trick against Arbroath in the League Cup. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.5. L. App:— 3 and 1 sub. G:— 1.

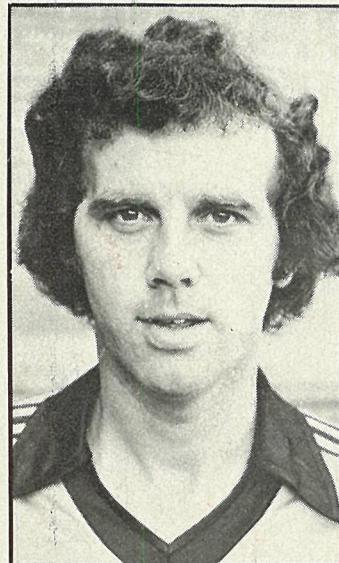
FRANK KOPEL: Defender well known to English fans when he played for Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers who signed for United in January, 1972. Born Falkirk. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 30 and 2 sub.

HAMISH McALPINE: Goalkeeper and has also been goal taker for the United team, scoring twice from the spot last season. Born Dundee. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— 36. G:— 2.

DAVE NAREY: One of the most talented youngsters seen in Scotland for some time. Already capped by Scotland Under-23's and now the Under-21's. Then became the first-ever Dundee United player to win a full cap when he came on as a substitute



ABOVE . . . United's John Bourke (right) beats St. Mirren's Jackie Copland to the ball during their 1-0 win at Love Street earlier this term. BELOW . . . Frank Kopel.



against Sweden in April, 1977. Born Dundee. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 32. G:— 2.

GRAEME PAYNE: Midfielder and another of the talented United side to have won Scotland Under-21 honours. A fine ball-player with a lot of speed. Born

Dundee. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 9.7. L. App:— 34 and 2 sub. G:— 1.

ALEX RENNIE: Defender who spent eight seasons with St. Johnstone before moving to United in 1975. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.13. L. App:— 18.

ANDY ROLLAND: Defender and firm favourite of the Tannadice fans after being with the club ten seasons since signing from Cowdenbeath. Has played for the Scottish League side. Born Cardenden. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— 29. G:— 2.

WALTER SMITH: Defender in his second spell at United. Left for a period with Dumbarton, but returned to United last season in February, 1977. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— Dumbarton 23, Dundee Utd 17 and 1 sub.

RAY STEWART: Youngster who can play in defence or midfield signed from Errol Rovers in 1973. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.0. L. App:— 1.

PAUL STURROCK: Striker who has been capped at both Under-23 and 21 level. Fine goalscorer who is attracting a lot of attention. Born Ellon. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 36. G:— 15.

GORDON WALLACE: Experienced striker who had played for Montrose, Dundee and was signed from Raith Rovers this season. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— Raith 33. G:— 8.

RECORD VICTORY:
14-0 v Nithsdale Wanderers, Scottish Cup, First Round, January 17th, 1931.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-12 v Motherwell, Division Two, 1953-54.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
51 in Division Two, 1928-29.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
41 by John Coyle in Division Two, 1955-56.

GROUND:
Tannadice Park.

SIZE OF PITCH:
110 yards by 74 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
Dundee 86289.

NICKNAME:
'Terrors' or 'United'.

COLOURS:
All tangerine strip with black trimmings.



TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73 Paul Gardner	13
1973-74 Andy Gray	16
1974-75 Andy Gray	20
1975-76 Tom McAdam	12
1976-77 Paul Sturrock (above)	15

DUNDEE UNITED



BACK ROW (left to right): Paul Hegarty, Alan Smith, George Fleming, Jimmy McIntosh (now Montrose), Hamish McAlpine, Sandy Thomson (now Brechin), Tom McAdam (now Cefnici), Alex Fennie.
MIDDLE ROW: Frank Kopel, David Dods, Billy Williamson (now Dundee), David Narey, Walter Holt, Graeme Payne.